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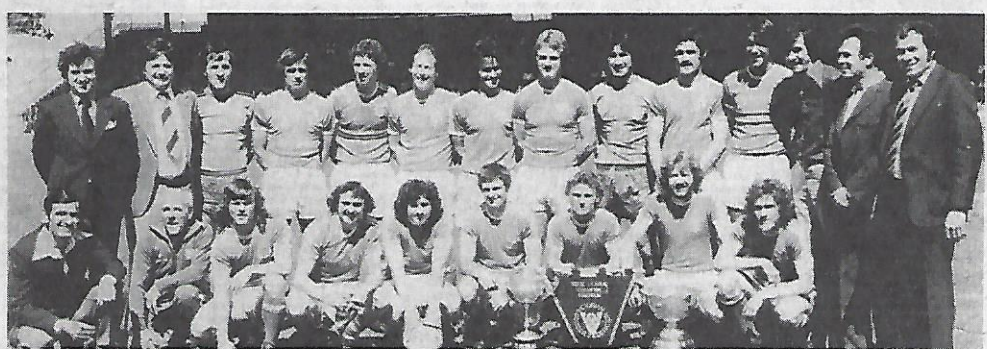
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This is "Soccer Action's" second last issue of 1978. The last will appear on November 22. It will be a special souvenir edition to mark the visits of Olympiakos and Vardar Skopje. "Soccer Action" will then go into recess. Its reappearance in 1979 will coincide with the start of the Ampol Cup series. "Soccer Action" was born in early 1976. Since then its popularity has grown steadily and it is now the leading soccer publication in Australia. For this we thank our readers, our contributors and our advertisers.



# NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NEXT SEASON?

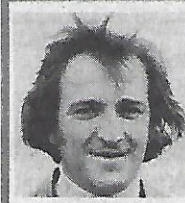
## Mighty Croatia

Essendon Croatia last Sunday added the 1978 State League Cup to the Ampol Cup and State League championship it had won earlier.

The team is, back row from left - Bill

McArthur (coach), Dujic Zemunik (assistant coach), Miro Franic, John Gardiner, Alan Kerr, Grant Smart, Ante Bilaver, Carl Gilder, Yakkie Banovic, Steve Kokoska, Eddie Krncevic, Joe Sigur (president), Com-

mitteeman Frank Burin (manager). Front row - Committee man Bill Beveridge (massour), Branko Culina, Bill Vojtek, Zjelko Lesan, Brian Davidson, Tommy Cumming, Ken Murphy, Howard Andrews.



John Dimsis

## AT LAST: TWO UP, TWO DOWN

A 10-year deadlock was broken when the Victorian Soccer Federation annual meeting voted for "two up, two down" last week.

The vote means that from the end of 1980, two clubs instead of one will be relegated from the State League.

They will be replaced by the two top teams from the Metropolitan League First Division.

The Metropolitan League had tried for at least 10 years to get a majority vote on "two up, two down" but had steadfastly been opposed by the State League.

This time, after much pressure from Metropolitan League chairman Joe Whittaker, the move was recommended.

Only two State League clubs voted against the change.

Another significant decision was that the chairman of the VSF and the "ninth member" of the board be elected at the annual meeting.

The "ninth member" can be anyone who is a member of a soccer club.

Mr John Dimsis, for four years the treasurer of the VSF, defeated Mr Enver Begovic in a ballot for the vice-presidency left vacant by the death of Mr Tommy Burns earlier in the year.

Mr Dimsis presented the annual accounts of the VSF, which showed a net loss of \$10,627 for the period ended September 15.

The loss was mainly due to tours by Hajduk Split, AC Milan and Bobby Charlton's All Stars falling through.

Mr Dimsis warned that next year's accounts would show legal expenses of about \$5000 because of challenges by players against the transfer system.

## Vardar to start in Sydney

Vardar Skopje of Yugoslavia will start its Australian tour in Sydney, probably on December 1.

Vardar's opponent is yet to be named but it is believed there have been negotiations with Marconi.

Vardar, which is based in Macedonia, will play two games in Melbourne. Tentative dates are December 3 and 10.

Footscray J.U.S.T. featuring guest players, will be Vardar's opponent in one of the Melbourne games.

Preston Makedonia has also asked for a match. Vardar will play in Adelaide probably on December 6.

A national under 19 competition for clubs in the Philips League may start next season.

The under 19 matches would be played as curtain-raiser to PSL games.

The youth players would travel interstate with the senior teams.

It is estimated that sponsorship of at least \$150,000 is necessary to cover the additional air fares.

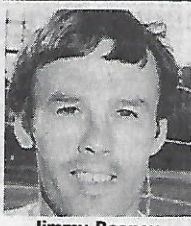
A number of large companies are believed to be interested in sponsoring the youth league.

One of the problems the PSL is trying to solve is whether such sponsorship would clash with Philips Industries' sponsorship of the senior league.

It is expected that each under 19 team would include three or four senior players.

This would enable clubs to reintroduce men who have been out due to injury, and to keep active those members of the senior squad not playing in the first team.

## Rooney to join Fitzroy



Jimmy Rooney

Jimmy Rooney, the 1977 Australian Player of the Year, is likely to join Fitzroy Alexander.

South Melbourne Hellas manager Dave MacLaren said this week he was also interested in signing Rooney, but at the moment Fitzroy has the inside running.

However, there will first be much haggling over the transfer fee Marconi is seeking for Rooney. It is reported to be between \$10,000 and \$14,000.

Rooney's contract with Marconi still has a year to run but the brilliant midfielder is adamant that he will move back to Melbourne in December.

Victorian State League club Green Gully Ajax wants him as player-coach. Preston Makedonia and Essendon Croatia are also keen to sign him.

However, Rooney said this week he would be playing in the Philips League next season.

Rooney played for Essendon Lions before moving to Sydney in 1969, to join Prague. He then joined APIA and transferred to Marconi early last year for about \$4000.

## Victorian Govt. charged with 'sports racism'

"The most disgusting bit of legislation ever drafted in Victoria..."

That's Mr Vic Manson's description of Victorian Government legislation which provides for the maintenance of what is called "The Australian Rules Fund".

Mr Manson, chairman of the Victorian Junior Leagues, said the legislation constituted "sports racism".

He said no similar legislation exists for soccer although more boys play soccer in Australia than any other sport.

Mr Manson was speaking at the annual meeting of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The Australian Rules Fund provides money for the encouragement of Australian Rules football and to help people and organisations to obtain equipment needed to play the game.

Mr Manson recommended to the VSF that it change its name to the Victorian Football Federation.

Not only would it increase soccer's chances of getting more government grants, but it may also generate extra publicity.



## Adam's off to England

Newly-appointed coach Jim Adam leaves for England today (Wednesday) to recruit players for the Wests-APIA combined team.

It appears only two or three APIA players will be used in the Philips League team. They are sure to include Rothmans Medalist Terry Butler and defender Bob McGinn.

Jim Adam has been appointed full-time coach of the APIA-West team. He took West Adelaide to the championship this year but could not agree on terms for next season.

Players who are not included in the Wests-APIA senior squad will be transfer-listed or asked to play in a lower grade. Discussions are continuing on the formula whereby the Philips League clubs will field NSW Federation teams next year.

## JANCHEV IS BEST

Ljube Janchev of Meko Holdings was named **Best Player of the Year** at the Victorian Industrial League's presentation night last Saturday.

Courage, best and fairest awards for each division went to:

Division One - Ljube Janchev, Division Two - Graeme Haynes (Ansett).

Div. 3 East - John Voulgaris (Travellers Melbourne).

Div. 3 West - Cane Trajkovski (AU Ilinden).

Div. 4 East - Mark Minto (RAAF Froggall).

Div. 4 North - Otto Sitnai (Scott).

Div. 4 West - Joe Parks (Pyramid PBS).

# Houdini escape by Sutherland

By ALEX VESIC

For the second week running, Sutherland staged a remarkable recovery, and defeated favourites Croatia 2:1 in the replay of the Ampol championship at Wentworth Park.

Johnny Watkins, the play-coach of Sutherland, managed to inspire his players at half time and lead them to victory when very few people among the 8533 crowd believed it possible. He was like a Houdini escape!

In the first 45 minutes, Croatia was on top. Playing some great soccer at times, Croatia looked determined to win. With Marin Kovacic back in the side after a long lay-off, and Tom Basic replacing Bruno Cegaji, Croatia looked a yard faster than the side we saw last week.

Led ably by its play-coach Attila Abonyi, Croatia attacked vigorously in the opening minutes and could have gone ahead as early as the eighth minute had Basic realised a great scoring opportunity.

Maurice Sullivan ran away from Mitch Hesford, then squared the ball for Basic, some 12 metres away from Phil Craggs. A shot by Basic was weak and inaccurate, allowing Keith Schumann to clear.

Abonyi was determined to beat his "shadow" Jim Basterfield, in this game, but found himself at the end of some over vigorous tackles. Attila lost his temper in the tenth minute of the game, and was promptly booked by an efficient referee Tim Davies.

However, it did not deter the former Soccerco and he continued to play well, finishing just behind Peter Beggs as the press writers choice for the "man of the match" award.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE 2 (Hall, Harrington) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Stone) N.S.W. Grand Final replay, at Wentworth Park Crowd: 8533.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 8, Hesford 7, Wykes 7, Watkins 7, Dallorno 8, Schumann 9, Hall 7, Meadows 7, Beggs 9, Basterfield 8, Harrington 7, CROATIA: Watson 7, B. Russell 7, Basic 6, Mullen 7, Smith 8, Sgar 7, Kovacic 7, Stone 8, Abonyi 9, J. Russell 17, Sullivan 6.

A few minutes after the unfortunate booking, Abonyi showed a clean pair of heels to Basterfield, but was unceremoniously challenged by Schumann just inside the area. Abonyi dived, but did not impress Davies, who awarded an indirect free kick to Croatia.

Walter Savor set sails for Sutherland's goal in the 15th minute and looked a good bet to make it until brought down from behind on the 25 metre mark. Abonyi hit a great shot from a re-



Peter Beggs of Sutherland Shire, the man of the match in the N.S.W. Grand final.



The Sutherland team, tired but happy, after winning the Grand final.

Mark Harrington's corner kick found the head of Beggs, who flicked on for Hall to score from close range.

Sutherland continued to attack and almost went 2-1 up in the 68th minute when Beggs pushed a great ball for Hall. The scorer of Sutherland's first goal, faced with Watson, looked set to score until a desperate dive by Greg Smith from behind.

The winner for Sutherland came with 20 minutes of the game remaining.

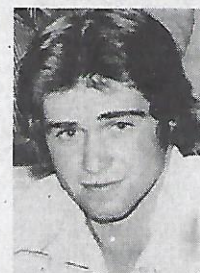
Hall crossed from the right, Beggs went up for the ball with Croatia's keeper Watson. Watson

could not hold the cross, the ball fell for Mark Harrington.

He slammed it into the net from close range.

With eight minutes remaining, Watkins almost got his name on the score sheet, following a deflection. The ball ran wide of Smith and Watkins was on hand to pick up a deflection and hit the ball wide and high of Watson's goal.

Sutherland was still well on top as the last whistle sounded, and proved to all that favouritism by Croatia in all three games played in this Ampol cup championship meant nothing. Sutherland won two out of three (4:1 and 2:1) with one game drawn (1:1) proving that the cup had gone to the better team.



Craig Hall of Sutherland

## Greece beats Hungary 4-1

SALONICA, Greece - Greece beat Hungary 4-1 (half time 0-0) in a European Championship Group Six match here.

Scorers - Greece: Galakos (60 and 67), Ardi-zoglou (71), and Mavros (89). Hungary: Martos (90). Attendance: 10,000.

## Deyna all set

From JIM COOK in England

Kazimierz Deyna, Poland's World Cup captain, has been given the all-clear to play in the Football League, as Manchester City has been granted a government work permit for him.

Deyna is expected to sign this month, when the Polish season ends. Manchester City has already agreed on terms with Deyna's club, Legia Warsaw.

Three Belgian soccer stars from Anderlecht could be jailed after refusing to submit to dope tests by police after the recent European Cup Winners' Cup tie in Brussels, which Anderlecht won 3-1 against Barcelona.

More than 18,000 fans watched Norwich City beat England's 1966 World Cup winning team 4-2 in Martin Peters' benefit match. Star of the England side was Jimmy Greaves.

## Toshack coach?

South Australian club Beograd wants to play in the Philips League next season under the name White City.

It is rumored that Beograd is trying to sign former Liverpool star John Toshack as coach. Beograd also wants to sign Joe Palinkas, who has had many offers since his contract with Footscray J.U.S.T. expired. Palinkas has not decided whether to accept any of the offers.

Ralph Coates, the former Spurs man who guested with St George's this year, is starting for his new club, Orient.

## Stars fade

Springvale City beat a Victorian All Stars team 2-1 in an exhibition match at Ross Reserve, Springvale at the weekend.

Ian Gibson put the All Stars into the lead but Springvale replied with goals by Arthur Cherry and Jackie Gollan.

ALL STARS - Kastner (Australia): V. Bannon (Fitzroy), P. Bannon (Fitzroy), G. Bannon (Frankston), W. Murray (Springvale), T. Fox (Frankston), K. Walker (George Cross), I. Gibson (Kooah), N. Mitten (Albion Rovers), I. McNeil (Hakashi), J. Trent (Croydon). SPRINGVALE - P. Mur, B. Wessels, E. Dolmatsch, D. Christians, S. Crivary, J. Gollan, H. Campbell, F. Beard, D. Luca, D. Lawler, A. Cherry.

## Bid for Irvine

Sandy Irvine, who coached Frankston City (Vic.) this year is reported to be considering a lucrative offer to coach Morwell Falcons.

It is believed the Falcons have offered Irvine a long-term contract, accommodation and employment in a bid to lure the former Juventus star into the Latrobe Valley. Frankston is almost certain to sign former Albion Leyland forwards Noel Mitten and Alan Quinn.

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## Jack wrecks under 19s

Australia Under 19s - APJA Reserves 2:2.

AUSTRALIA U/19 - First half: Oliver 17, O'Shea, Rowden, Christopoulos, Spanos, McLellan, Kay, Koulianos, Brusasco, Jennings, Tombedis.

Second Half: Woodhouse, Moulis, Selemidis, Christopoulos, Milovanovic, Khatolos, Davidson, Hunter, Raskopoulos, Tredinnick, Tombedis.

APJA Reserves: Evans, Walker, Pullen, Laps, Laps, Bottalico, Malorana, Alex, Bottalico, Griffiths, David Jack, Link.

Two great second half goals by David Jack sank the hopes of Rudi Gutendorf's Colts in

the curtain-raiser at Wentworth Park before a large crowd of 8500.

With the exception of Christopoulos and Tombedis, the young Colts failed to impress and I am sure that Rudi will have quite a problem in pruning his team down to 18 players.

Who to leave in the 18 rather than who to omit will be the question.

For APJA seconds, David Jack looked classy and the two well-taken goals pointed once more to his all-round ability which has been overlooked by the APJA management and selectors during the year.

For the Colts McLellan and Christopoulos were the scorers.



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# HELLAS' NEW STAR ON SHOW SUNDAY?

**Wilson, Walsh to stay**

**South Melbourne Hellas hopes to fly new recruit Ken Drayford to Australia in time to play against the Australian under 19 team at Middle Park on Sunday.**

Proceeds from the match will aid an appeal for a nursing home in South Melbourne. South Melbourne manager Dave Maclaren signed Drayton in England during the recruiting mission from which he has just returned. A 21-year-old attacking midfielder, Drayton played for Bromsgrove in the First Division

North of the Southern Premier League. He was on trial with Wolverhampton Wanderers when Maclaren signed him. "He's an excellent player but not physically strong enough to make it in the English First Division. "For the Philips League, however, he is ideally suited. He will link up very well with George Campbell and Alun Evans because he plays telling first-time passes and likes to get involved in one-twins". South Melbourne's match against Rudi Gutendorf's under 19s will be the first in a

series of warm-up games for its clash with Olympiakos of Greece on November 26. South Melbourne will play against Victorian State League champion Essendon Croatia at Middle Park on November 12 and probably against Footscray J.U.S.T. on November 19. The under 19s, who drew 2-2 with APIA reserves in the curtain-raiser to the NSW Grand Final last Sunday, are preparing for the World Youth Championship qualifying games in New Zealand later this month. McLelland and Christopoulos scored the under 19s' goals.

The South Melbourne team to meet them on Sunday will be depleted by the absence of Campbell, Munro and Lutton, who are on holidays overseas. Meanwhile, Rale Rasic and Les Schein-lug have been appointed coaches of the Philips League select sides to meet Olympiakos. Rasic will coach the NSW squad for the game in Sydney on December 2 and Schein-lug will be in charge of the South Australian selection for the game in Adelaide on November 29.

**Coaches Joe Wilson of Altona and Bill Walsh of Sunshine are likely to be re-appointed.**

Walsh, the former Manchester City star, joined Sunshine at the start of the 1978 season and failed narrowly to lift the club into the top four.

Under Wilson, Altona hovered around the relegation zone but the former Wolves and Nottingham Forest man is confident the club will finish near the top in 1979 as it did in '77, its first year in the State League.

"The lads are training one night a week during the close season," said Wilson, "and the club will take the Ampol Cup seriously this time."

"In the past we used the Ampol Cup as warm-up games, but next year we'll be going hard from the start."

Wilson added Altona would be looking for new players during the summer.

Walsh said Sunshine had a quality playing staff but needed another midfielder.

"The team needs an old head in the middle of the park," said Walsh, "someone who can slow things down a bit, and get the side playing football."

He added most of the players intended staying with the club but Nick Lowe could be the target of a few others.

"Nick's a very good player," said Walsh. "He has had plenty of experience but is still young, so it is natural other clubs would want him."

## Georgie's Cup for a brief moment

By KYLE PATTERSON

**ESSENDON CROATIA 3 (Gilder 2 57th 106th mins, Webb own goal 32nd min) GEORGE CROSS 2 (Cullen 8th min, Reed 12th min) A.E.T. Victorian State League Cup final. Crowd: 4000.**

**CROATIA:** Banovic 8, Smart 6, Kokosa 7, Gardiner 7, Bilaver 7, Murphy 7, Kerr 6, Andrews 8, Cumming 7 (Culina 106th min), Gilder 9, Davidson 7 (Knezevic 7, 80th min).

**GEORGE CROSS:** Rice 8, Cutajar 8, Maitland 6, Castiello 6, Barron 7, Mirak 7 (Scicluna 80th min), Webb 8, Wilkinson 7, Cullen 6, Reed 8, Paparas 8.

At around 5.20 pm last Sunday afternoon, half a dozen George Cross players were jumping in triumphant joy and hugging each other by the side of the Olympic Park soccer pitch, while a couple of hundred Georgie fans cheered and bounced ecstatically.

But less than two minutes later, the same players were slumped in despair and the supporters stunned in disbelief.

And on this dramatic note the Victorian State League Cup final was decided, providing a fitting end to an unpredictable and exciting game.

Essendon Croatia won 3-2 thanks to a late goal from centre forward Carl Gilder.

But spare a thought for unlucky George Cross, which built up a two-goal lead, saw it whittled away, had two players injured without having adequate replacements, and had a winning goal disallowed.

It was the disallowing of Robert Cullen's goal in the second half of extra time which left George Cross bitter and disillusioned. Had referee Stewart Mellings over-ruled his linesman's decision and allowed the goal to stand, the Cross would almost certainly have won.

But Mellings wasn't sure himself whether Cullen was onside when he received Derek Barron's superbly-hit cross ball, and consulted his linesman before allowing Croatia a free kick.

George Cross hardly had time to register a protest before Croatia whipped the ball to the other end and sealed its third major honor for 1978.

Credit goes to Croatia for a great win after being two goals down and for showing enough guts and stamina to lift itself.

It has been a long, tiring season for the Essendon boys, but their victory last Sunday, in their 40th official match this year, would rate as one of the best.

Striker Carl Gilder repaid the faith his coach Bill McArthur had in him. He scored two and had an 'assist' in Croatia's other goal.

The former Slavia player was used in place of Australian under 19 forward Eddie Knezevic, but now Gilder will have equal billing with the young star in the Essendon squad.

The match was a tremendous spectacle of aggressive, entertaining soccer.

George Cross started like an express train, scoring two goals in the first 12 minutes.

A misunderstanding between Grant Smart and John Gardiner near the half-way line enabled Ken Reed to win possession and head for goal.

A low cross ball found Cullen at the far post, and George was 1-0 up.

Later a mistake by Steve Kokosa let Reed in and the Cross striker smashed the ball home.

It was the drive of Billy Wilkinson, playing a roving forward position, the skill of winger Jim Paparas and the defensive excellence of John Webb which allowed George Cross to dominate early in the game.

But after taking the initiative, George became subdued and this allowed Croatia to make a comeback.

The Cross played virtually with three centre halves — Tony Castiello, Norm Maitland and Webb — and its lack of forward pressure allowed Ken Murphy to do damage in the midfield.

Croatia improved and Georgie fumbled in defence. A series of blunders by Cross defenders was culminated by Webb slicing a clearance from Gilder's header into the back of the net.

It was a vital goal for Croatia, reducing its deficit to one goal before the interval.

After half time Croatia produced its best soccer for the match, with Howard Andrews driving the team forward.

Gilder equalised with a great back-header from a Tommy Cumming corner kick but the goal led to a George Cross revival.

The workhorse — Reed — was forced to go into midfield because of injuries to Wilkinson and Robert Mirak, and he helped his team's comeback.

Phil Cutajar, a determined and solid defender all day, and many other Cross players, surged in the hope of regaining the lead.

But thanks to brilliant goalkeeping from Gerry Rice of George Cross, and Yelko Banovic of Croatia, neither team could add to its score in normal time, although there was plenty of goalmouth action.

Then came George Cross moment of heartbreak when the Cup was in the keeping for a brief moment but snatched away just as quickly.



Derek Barron (arms raised) and Robert Cullen celebrate scoring what they thought was the winning goal for George Cross in the State League Cup final. But their joy was short-lived — the goal was disallowed, and Georgie lost 2-3.

## Hawk's trophy

**HAWKSBUURN 2 (Kalmar, Laszlo) BURNLEY 1 (F. Calle) District League Cup final.**

**HAWKSBUURN:** Gulacs, Leninc, Barna, Hegedus, Kalmar, Marok, Biro, Laszlo, Palotai, Blaszny, Laszlo. **BURNLEY:** E. Savveda, (Martinez), F. Calle, D'Angelo, Lestrain, Ghessey, Leon, Savveda, A. (Karel), Ghessey, Calle, Hernandez, Sz.

Hawkburn capped off its most successful ever season when it won the District League Cup after defeating Burnley 2-1 in the final.

It is the newly-promoted First Division team's first major honor.

Established in 1906 Hawkburn has strong ties with Metropolitan League club Melbourne which shares the support of the local Hungarian community with the local team.

The two clubs have a player-exchange scheme in which promising Hawkburn youngsters are directed to Melbourne.

Steve Blaskany, the former coach of Hawkburn, is player/coach of Hawkburn.

The club gained promotion to the First Division last season, and in 1978 finished second in the league.

The reserve team won the championship. Hawkburn's cup triumph was made possible by a late winning goal from Steve Laszlo.

Earlier, Jeno Kalmar had equalised for Hawkburn in the 25th minute after



Pepe Cubero, star of Juventus and Footscray J.U.S.T. in the 1950s, now coach of District League club Burnley.

a penalty kick from Burnley's Francisco Calle had given his team the lead.

Ironically, it was a foul tackle by Kalmar on Burnley's Marok, Sz which led to the penalty being awarded. Burnley was well on top of Hawkburn in the opening 20 minutes, but lost its ascendancy during the middle period of the half.

Hawkburn hammered the Burnley goal, but brilliant goalkeeping by Ernesto Savveda kept his team in the game.

Other good players for Burnley were Manolo Lestrain, Tony Ghimereu and Jeno Calle.

Hawkburn's best were Blaskany, Pal Barna, Frank Palotai and Joe Hegedus, all of whom are ex-Melbourne players.

The game was a good advertisement for the District League, and anyone who thought the standard would be comparable to paddock soccer was given a surprise.



Dr Charles Walker, who became a patron of the VSF last week, is pictured fifth from right with the Polonia that won the 1961 Dockerty Cup. Dr Walker was president of Polonia at the time. Standing from left — K. Trojanowski (vice-president), W. Gamah, C. Marks, W. Janczyk, Z. Maruszkiewicz, H. Dockerty after whom the Cup is named; R. Szczepanski, Dr Walker, A. Grawfonski (secretary), J. Dutton, Z. Gross, R. Winiarski. Front — H. Dressler, M. Jurecki, R. Dronia, M. Gasior, H. Gronowski, R. Gronowski.

## Walker, Tessari honored

**Dr Charles Walker and Mr Bruno Tessari were honored by the Victorian Soccer Federation at its annual meeting.**

Dr Walker was made a patron of the VSF and Mr Tessari an honorary life member.

Introducing Dr Walker, the VSF secretary, Mr George Wallace, said:

Dr Walker has been associated with the VSF and its predecessor, the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association, for the past 30 years.

"He was senior vice-president of the VASFA and he was president of Polonia for 13 years.

"He was the founder of the Sports Medicine Organisation in Victoria and was also its president."

"He has been honorary doctor to the Australian and Victorian team and is still this Federation's doctor."

Mr Wallace added that Dr Walker was now a member of the VSF's Appeals Board.

The motion to make Dr Walker a patron was moved by Mr Kurt Deffis of Hakoah and seconded by Mr Scott Frew of Sunshine.

Introducing Mr Tessari, Mr Wallace said:

"He has been associated with the VSF for many years. Those who were active in the late 50s and early 60s will remember Mr Tessari as the driving force of the then State League club, Triestina."

Mr Tessari joined the board of management this year as deputy chairman of the Metropolitan League.

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# Sharne fights to regain speed

**Spinal fracture still causes pain**

By  
**PETER SCOTT**

At the tender soccer age of 22, Marconi's lightning fast winger Peter Sharne is worried about his speed — but it is much too early for rival defenders to relax and breathe easy.

Be warned, the man who is one of the most exciting Australians to burst onto the soccer scene in recent years, will spend the coming summer months in hard work.

While thousands, nay, millions, head for the cool and inviting surf, Peter will be going through the sweaty grind of trying to regain the speed he once possessed.

Running, running, running... That will be the steady diet of this youngster as the mercury soars into the thirties, because he realises fully that without that withering burst of speed which has become his hallmark, the Peter Sharne legend becomes an empty myth.

"Speed is my main asset, without it I am just a run of the mill player," Sharne remarked this week.

"I have lost some of the edge I had on others in recent years and now I must work to regain it."

Sharne said that at Marconi's training sessions he and coach **Rale Rasic** concentrated mainly on ball work.

"I have always had problems taking on a player and Rale wanted me to improve this aspect of my game."

"Speed training is something I have to do on my own initiative now."

Realisation of his own weaknesses is a typical aspect of this quietly spoken young man, who is already a four year veteran of top grade soccer.

His love affair with the game began as an eight-year-old at the Sydney outer suburb of Lansvale and he progressed steadily through the junior ranks over the years.

Not surprisingly, athletics was his other sporting interest in school, but it eventually had to give way to full concentration on the round ball game.

Sharne was a member of the Southern Districts junior squad when his coach decided to roll up with the whole team at a trial for Marconi's third grade team.

That wizened doyen of coaches, **Luciano Nesti**, was in charge of the session which consisted of 3x45 minutes of football in blazing 100 degree heat.

As Sharne still recalls, "survivors were accepted", and he was one of them.

That was in 1972 — and he had to wait for three long years before making his debut in the first team of Marconi.

It was in a match in Woonoona, but the rookie's appearance was far from auspicious, and he was replaced before the final whistle.

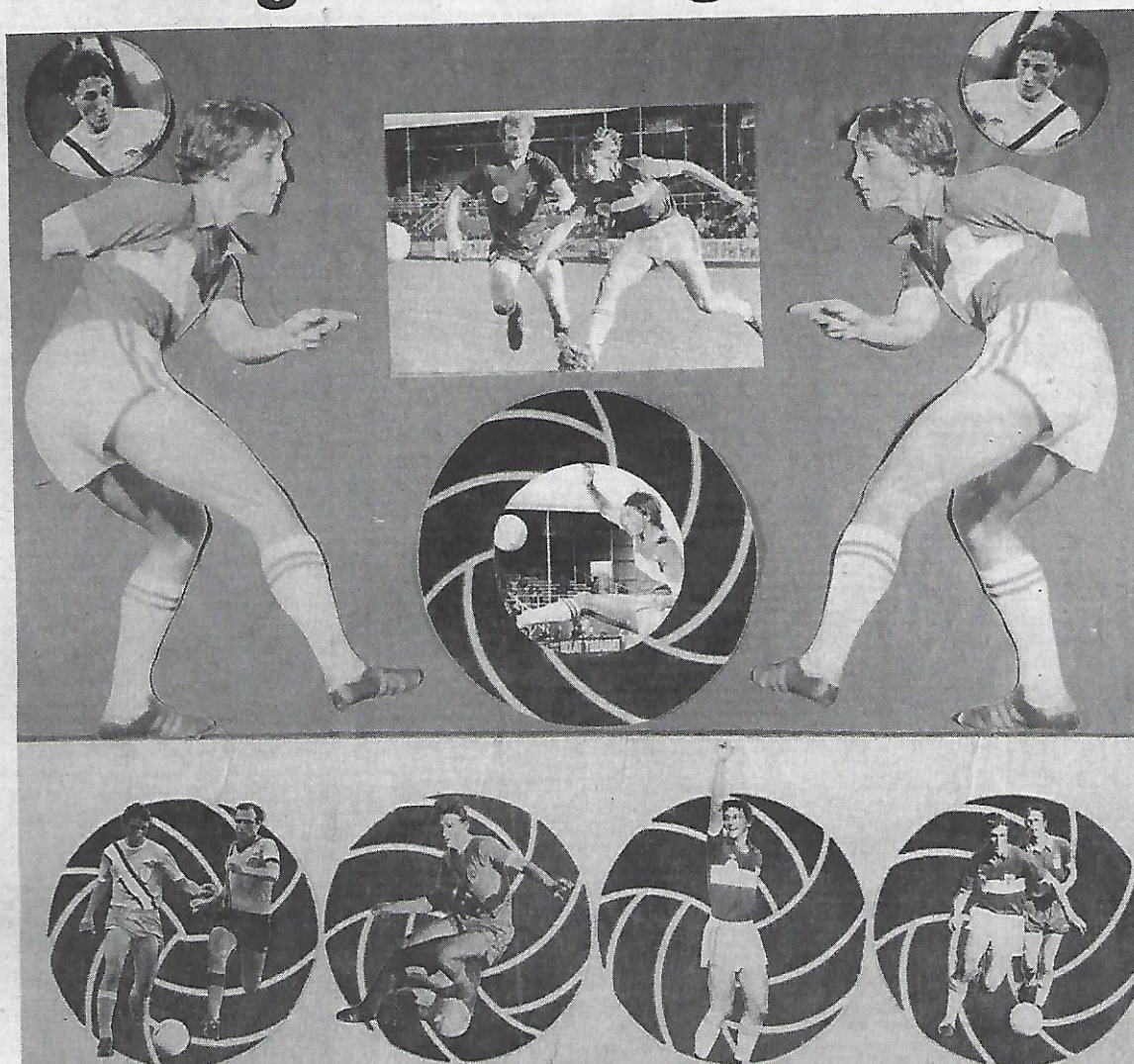
Several more months followed, eating the bitter bread of the reserves, before Sharne got another chance towards the end of the year. He has not looked back since.

The left-winger's position with Marconi is now his sinecure.

He also went on to greater things, winning the green and gold of Australia for the first time in last year's World of Soccer tournament, which saw the Socceroos shape up against the likes of Arsenal, Red Star and Celtic.

Not only did the Aussies take them on, but also dished out as much as they coped.

That tournament was perhaps the only high point of **Jimmy Shoulder's** rather disheartening reign as Australian soccer's czar.



## Suspension from Socceroos was unfair, he says

For three matches the Australians forgot all their inhibitions, played with verve and spirit and drew upon an unsuspected reservoir of skill and talent.

The tournament gave frustrated soccer fans in this country an inkling of what might have been in the World Cup...

It was a marvellous experience playing against such great and experienced overseas players. One can learn from their every move on the field of play," he says.

There is another aspect to international duty which makes Sharne determined to fight his way back into contention as new Socceroo boss **Rudi Gutendorf** begins to shape his squad for 1982.

"The periods we spend in camp preparing for international matches is of incalculable value; for sustained periods we live and work like full professionals," Sharne says.

"I would just love to get back in the squad and will do all I can to get selected, as Gutendorf seems to be a man who knows a lot more about football than do our recent national coaches."

"He has different ideas from what I have seen before, and just watching him put the national under-19 squad through its paces a while ago, one could see he has already done a lot in a very short time."

"I would hazard a guess to say that he will be moulding a different style of Australian soccer — a much better one."

Perceptive readers would have noticed by now that Peter Sharne, one of the most ex-

citing players around, keeps referring to getting back into the team.

This is because he — and Marconi team mate **Paul Degney** — have a cloud hanging over their heads.

It's a cloud which can handicap their challenge for international honors, unless Gutendorf (as he is likely to) starts off with a clean sheet.

The whole sorry affair goes back to the tour of Australia by Greece earlier this year, when Sharne and Degney were in the squad for the match in Sydney, but instead of turning up at camp on the day before the match, they took the field with Marconi in a PSL fixture.

All hell broke loose, the club was fined, the two players were omitted from the Australian squad, and hefty suspensions were slapped on them.

Marconi took the case to court and the Federation backed down, but the brouhaha left a mark on all concerned — including the two players.

Sharne makes no secret of his feelings, namely that he and Degney were unfairly treated.

He points out that the argument was between Marconi and the Australian Soccer Federation.

"I could understand if they decided to fine the club, but it was very unfair to suspend us," he says.

Players are contracted to their clubs and Marconi says we must play, we play.

"If we said no to the instructions of our coach, both of us would have been sidelined for the season," he claimed.

Now Sharne is trying to put all the bad memories behind him and concentrate on the quest for a spot in the next World Cup finals four years hence.

A pictorial tribute to Peter Sharne by **SAM BELFONTE**. Players pictured with Sharne are **Alan Parrott** of Footscray J.U.S.T. (top, centre), **Jim Tansey** of Fitzroy (bottom left) and **Duncan Cummings** of South Melbourne (bottom right).

This, he believes, is his last chance for the ultimate achievement in every soccer player's career.

However, his aims within the Australian set-up are longer term. He seeks to carve out a full-time career as a player.

And the accent is on Australia. He is not looking for greener pastures overseas; at least not yet.

Sharne sees the establishment of the PSL as the first major step in the professionalisation of Aussie soccer, with the best players concentrated into fewer clubs and the football more systematic than the haphazard variety of some years ago.

As he is contracted to Marconi for another two years, he obviously hopes for some glory to come the way of the Bossley Park Blues after two consecutive seasons in which they played the role of brides, only to end up as bridesmaids on both occasions.

"This year, especially, we had the championship in our hands, but let it slip away; maybe it will be third time lucky," he says.

There is, of course, a lot more to soccer than just luck. But Sharne considered this the vital ingredient which was missing in Marconi's disastrous second half of the 1978 season.

He also blamed injuries and the resultant lack of rhythm it caused in the side.

Next year he foresees big changes at Marconi, especially in the midfield.

**Jim Rooney** is Melbourne-bound. **Ray Richards** has been put on the transfer list in the wake of his now famous bustup with coach Rasic, and there are even some rumors about the possibility of **Roberto Vieri** moving to greener pastures!

There are a number of youngsters on the sidelines just waiting for a chance at the big time, but experienced players are also a must.

Where does Peter Sharne fit into the picture of a "new" Marconi?

Obviously in his accustomed spot on the left flank, even though he has more to worry about than just a bit of extra spring training.

In 1975 Sharne fractured his spinal cord and a promising soccer career looked finished even before it had begun.

For six months he was an invalid, getting about with the aid of a restrictive corset and ready to give it all away.

Old pro Nesti put an end to that quick and smart.

"He alone inspired me to start all over. If it hadn't been for his urging I would never have laced my football boots again."

"I still have pain when I run. It comes and goes in spasms, but I have learned to live with it and manage to put up with the discomfort."

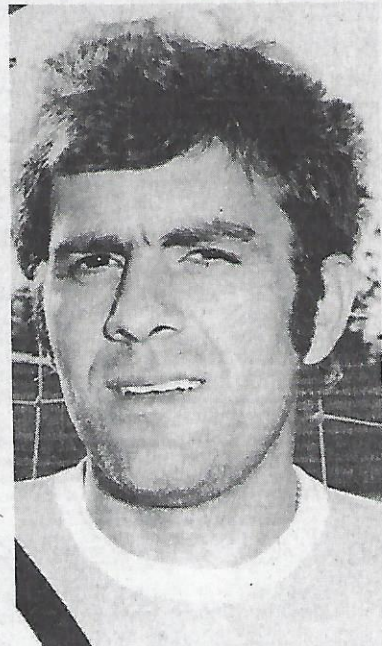
"Unfortunately all the needles and the x-rays have failed to cure or pinpoint the problem, but maybe if I see more specialists they will find a remedy."

Once the whistle sounds, though, and the ball comes his way, Peter Sharne forgets the plan, the disappointments and concentrates on continuing on his merry way as the man who gives full-backs nightmares.

Not that there aren't any foes for whom he has a healthy respect. For example **Hakoah's Kevin Mullen** — "the hardest man to play against in the PSL."

**Moulla** — "who can destroy you, will stick to you like a shadow for 90 minutes and won't let a striker do anything right."

Then, of course, there are defenders of a more benevolent variety, such as team mate **Ivo Prskalo**, a wily ex-European pro, who gets the credit for teaching Sharne many tricks of the trade.



**Jimmy Rooney** is moving to Melbourne, **Ray Richards** is on the transfer list, **Gary Byrne** is overseas, and now there are rumors that the brilliant **Roberto Vieri** (pictured) is looking for greener pastures...

Summing it all up, at the age of 22 Peter Sharne may be in only the early stages of a most exciting soccer career, but he has already experienced ups and downs sufficient for an average lifetime.

Soccer lovers around Australia are crossing their fingers and toes in hoping there are good times ahead for this young man.

There are not many sights

more exciting in the Australian game than this blond bombshell bobbing and weaving his way past flabbergasted defenders in full flight on Marconi's left wing.

If he wasn't around, the likes of **Kevin Mullen** and **Danny Moulla** would find life a lot easier.

However, I feel sure they would be among the first to admit that it wouldn't be half as interesting.



# Personality, publicity, ideas

## - all he needs now is to win

**My first impression of Rudi Gutendorf was that he is not a typical German.**

But then is there a typical German, or for that matter a typical Englishman, Greek, Scot or Australian?

It is dangerous to categorise people, but, yes, there are national stereotypes.

The "locker" Australian, the "fiery" independent Scot, the excitable, aggressive Greek, the "cool" Englishman and the precise, methodical German.

Rudi had forgotten the time of our appointment, which is most un-Germanlike.

Neither did the quizzical looks and the puzzled frown which frequented his face during our meeting suggest the precision and organisation of the German stereotype of my imagination.

On the other hand he had every reason to be puzzled, harassed as he was chasing a flat, trying to fulfill an appointment with the Australian Soccer Federation doctor.

Nevertheless Gutendorf certainly is not the German stereotype.

He reminded me more of a movie director, with his glasses, his straight blonde hair, slightly paunchy tummy and long legs.

His absent-minded doodling on a writing pad, as he answered questions over the phone from a Newcastle sports reporter, suggested a creative mind rather than a methodical one.

This impression was confirmed as we sped in a taxi over the Sydney Harbour Bridge for the appointment with Dr Corrigan.

Repeatedly as I searched for some indication of his coaching ideas, the subject came back to the coach's personality.

"It's how the coach says things - not what he says - the impression his personality makes on players, and people," said Gutendorf.

Personality - this seems to be Rudi Gutendorf's stock in trade.

He exploits it and builds on it at every opportunity.

He particularly uses the media, especially the newspapers, to build and magnify his personality.

He has numerous photographs of himself accompanied by beautiful women and famous men.

He obviously has ability to boost his personality.

He is intelligent, innovative and, according to reports, highly capable when putting players through a training session.

The Gutendorf presence has already stirred up tremendous interest in Australia's soccer circles, just as in a different way did the appointment of his predecessor, Jim

**Shoulder**, who came to office in a blaze of controversy.

Jim Shoulder was not controversial, rather it was the circumstances behind his appointment which generated such interest.

Gutendorf himself is a controversial and independent man who, he says, is able to retain his independence and strength because of his personal financial assets which make him non-reliant on soccer earnings for day to day living.

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He considers that this assists his greatest coaching asset, his ability to be his own man, unswayed by negative outside influences.

Rudi Gutendorf will continue to attract attention - he is that kind of man, and as such will be a tremendous publicity booster for our Soccer.

His deep knowledge of the game, amassed from nu-

merous coaching appointments, often at the very highest level, will bring new information to the coaching ranks.

However, for his message to retain its potency he will have to achieve success with the various teams under his control, starting with his under 19 team which plays in New Zealand soon.

He is aware of this and bemoans the fact that he has only a few short weeks of preparation with the team.

Nothing tarnishes a coach's reputation more than losing. On the other hand nothing will shine brighter in Australian sport than Rudi Gutendorf if he is winning.



National coach Rudi Gutendorf (right) presents the 1978 Coach of the Year award to Gerry Chaldi of Hakoah-East.

## Austria sounds warning

**The president of Keilor Austria, Mr Ignaz Martinu, has sounded a warning to his players.**

"One thing is sure," he writes in the club's newsletter, "we won't have any players next year who play only for the money, and we won't be spending money on players the way we did last season."

"If there is money to be spent, it will be only at the end of the season, according to the performance of the players."

"Yes, we are looking for new players, but we want only those who play with their heart and for their club on the basis of good sportsmanship. One thing we will make sure of: no train, no play."

Austria came last in the Victorian First Division this year and was relegated.

Two players have joined the new committee - **Guenter Ganglmair** and **Ray Boller**.

The committee is - **Ignaz Martinu** (president); **Fred Caar** (secretary); **Franz Kammerhofer**, (treasurer); **Alex Frey** (vice president); **Fritz Brunner** (assistant secretary); **Heinz Novosel** (assistant treasurer); **Karl Mitterlehner** (VSF delegate); **Willie Gollowitsch**, **Otto Zambelli**, **Joe Borg**, **Joe Lopez**, **Charlie Caesar** (junior delegate).

Keilor-Austria will take part in the **New World Cup** at Richmond Park, off Yarra Boulevard, Richmond, on November 11 and 12.

The club is also involved in organisation of the annual **Oktoberfest** at **Greaves Reserve, Dandenong**, from November 24 to 26.

Other functions coming up are

October 28 - "Oktoberfest" dance at St Albans.

December 2 - "Klampus and Nikolaus Feler," St Albans.

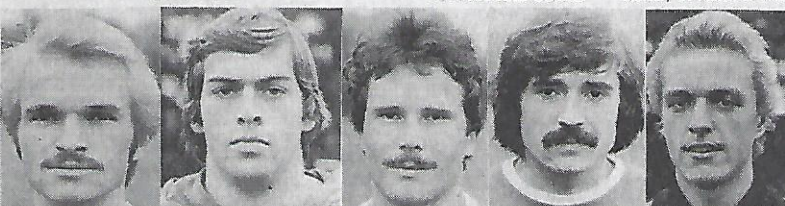
Dec 16 - Barbecue with the Driglo Quintett and a giant raffle at Harricks Road ground, Keilor.

Dec 31 - "Silvester Tanz" (New Year's Eve Dance) at St Albans.

For bookings ring Mr J. Pichler (366 3519), or I Martinu (20 1597).



Victoria's Billy Rice wins the race to the ball against Hans Hecker of Hertha 03 in their draw at Olympic Park in 1970. Jimmy Mackay scored for Victoria and Hertha's goal came from Uwe Klemann who went on to play for the West German national team.



Five of the Hertha players who will tour Australia in January, from left - Moeller, Gantner, Steinke, Groeger, Brauer.

## Hertha is set on game against U.19s

**Hertha Zehlendorf 03 of West Berlin has included a match against the Australian under 19s on the itinerary for its Australian tour in January.**

However, national coach **Rudi Gutendorf** said last week he would not decide until late November whether the under 19s would play against Hertha.

Gutendorf said he wanted to wait until after his team returns from New Zealand where it will play qualifying games next month for the Coca Cola world youth championships.

**HERTHA HAS SCHED-**

**ULED A GAME AGAINST THE UNDER 19S FOR JANUARY 6 IN SYDNEY.**

Hertha's tour itinerary is:

December 28-29: two games v Burma in Rangoon; December 31: v. China in Canton.

January 2: v Philippines in Manila.

January 4: v. Illawarra Soccer Association in Wollongong.

January 5: Match in Mel-

After six games of the new season, Hertha was on top of the ladder, with a goal tally of 33-6.

Over the years, four of Hertha's players have joined Australian clubs.

In 1972, defender **Rainhard Groeger** and forward **Rainhard Hollmann** played for Keilor-Austria in the Victorian State League.

Two years ago, defender **Uli Pfisterer** joined State League club Juventus - and is still there.

Midfielder **Lutz Steinke** played guest games with Keilor-Austria this year.

Hertha, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, has recruited heavily in an all-out bid for promotion.

National under 19 players **Lehmann** and **Harth** are among the big-name recruits.

**Pohle** is leading goalscorer with nine goals while **Brauer** and **Yayla** have eight.

Pohle and Brauer were in the team that toured Australia in 1977. Other survivors of the last tour include goalkeeper **Gantner**, **Groeger**, **Sandrowski**, **Moeller** and goalscoring midfielder **Immi Bieder** who is also in the Berlin representative team.

The basic line-up is: **Steinert** (Gantner) - **Pohle** - **Juettner**, **Loder**, **Groeger** (**Sandrowski**) - **Brauer** (**Harth**), **Yayla**, **Bieder** - **Winner** (**Moeller**), **Lehmann**, **Vogt** (**Mosni**).

## Bunce for Queensland?

**Former Ringwood City (Vic.) coach Freddy Bunce may accept an offer to be**

**Queensland Soccer Federation Director of Coaching.**

Bunce flew to Brisbane last week for an interview and was later told the job was his if he wanted it.

He has four weeks to decide. But Bunce is uncertain if he will accept the offer.

"Family wise," he said, "the job doesn't suit. It would mean shifting house and taking my kids out of school."

"I would prefer to stay in Melbourne. I haven't been approached by any local clubs but if I were offered a good position here, I'd take it in preference to the Queensland job."

**PSL SCORERS MISTAKE**  
A printers' mistake created confusion over our Philips League goalscorers' list last week. The column headings should have read:

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# Ping pong wins every time, Mr Headergott

SIR — I am an old man, 72 years of age, am Scottish and played amateur and professional junior soccer in my twenties. I played in a Scottish Amateur Cup final at Hampden Park, Glasgow in the 1930s.

Before coming to Australia in 1952 I saw all the famous English and Scottish players of that era in action, including the great **Stanley Matthews**; my knowledge of the game, therefore, is first class.

I am writing to you to take exception to the remark made by the German coach **Mr Headergott** in **Soccer Action** that English soccer is just 'ping pong'.

About two years ago German league soccer was shown on television here every week and I used to watch it regularly. Every game was predictable. The goalkeeper saves, the whole attacking side race back to their own half, the long, slow build-up begins again, and, finally comes the counter-attack against a wall of defenders.

This is not soccer, it is basketball. If you watch basketball you will find that this is the pattern of play. The Germans are all first-class, skilful players and I enjoyed watching their control and manipulation of the ball. It was their pattern of play I did not like. It is like watching a game of chess. If I

## To the editor...

were to be asked which was the more exciting to watch, chess or ping pong, then ping pong would win hands down.

The game has lost its adventure, in my opinion the continentals have ruined the game with too much science and elimination of body contact. What's wrong with a good, fair shoulder charge?

The various formations that are now adopted are heavily orientated to defence. Even in English soccer, three forwards or strikers is the rule.

Even so, English league soccer is far more exciting to watch. The long pass or kick is used to transfer play quickly and there is less midfield play. The goalkeepers are more in the action and more goals are scored than in continental soccer. On the last two Saturdays in the English First Division there was an average of three goals per game.

Liverpool are going great guns at present. They have completely discarded the Continental approach. Whether it is a fairly short pass or a long kick, the ball is hit hard but with great accuracy. Their long, hard passes to the wingers are a delight to watch. In the old days the watchword was make the ball do the work. As a result of this style of play Liverpool look an exceptionally fast team.

Sir Arthur George says the game must be made more entertaining. Unless you are an avid supporter of a club, how can you be entertained by the style of play the like of Marconi and S.M. Hellas adopt. A whole game made up of close-passing and slow build-ups becomes a bore.

Frankly I do not like Aussie Rules football. I would not go to see it if you paid me. What, then, is the attraction for Australians in this game? The answer is action, all-out action with goals and behinds ten a penny. How, then, are you going to attract Australians to soccer? You must make the game more exciting and you

will not do that by adopting defensive formations.

Why not go back to the old style of goalkeeper, two full backs, three half-backs and five forwards. By doing so the midfield congestion would be eliminated, the game would be more open and attacks on goal more frequent as it was when I played the game.

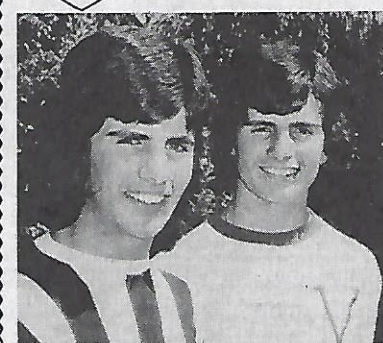
Now, I read about coaching classes and the licensing of coaches. What exactly does a coach do? Teach formations? I think it is silly when I see a photo of a coach with a dozen or more young and not so young around him. Do they ever give individual coaching? Players in a group do not pay enough attention but when a player has the individual instruction from a coach he concentrates fully on what he is being told and shown. It is the only way to learn.

I have seen Hellas play quite a number of games during the last three years, not that I am a Hellas supporter by any means. I went to see them play because I have taken a great interest in **Duncan Cummings** ever since he played for Melbourne.

This lad has great potential but he is only wasted with Hellas. They will not give him the ball. Against Brisbane City at Middle Park he received only one pass during the whole of the second half.

If Duncan is to realize his ambition to play for the Socceroos in the World Cup there will need to be some drastic alterations to the present set-up.

Yours in sport, T. W. (Bill) McArthur, Park St, Brunswick.



The Sabidussi brothers will oppose each other in the Coppa Italia. Carlo (left) plays for Fawknor and Bruno (right) for Juventus.

## De Marchi and Boggi know Juve secrets

**Fawknor, holder and host of the Italia Cup, has made no secret of its ambition.**

Without being disrespectful to Juventus, Fawknor is aiming to overhaul Juve and replace it as Victoria's number one Italian-backed club. But ambition has always been the feature of the progressive Fawknor, which is now on the way to realising some of its dreams. To retain the Italia Cup, Fawknor will have to overcome the strong Juve on the soccer field.

That task will be made easier by the presence of **Dino De Marchi** and **Tony Boggi** in the Fawknor camp. Dino and Tony both had successful associations with Juve and are two of the most popular figures among Italian soccer followers.

Dino especially will be a great help to Fawknor, as he played alongside most of the current Juve players. The evergreen striker has been given a new lease of life by Fawknor and know-



**Fawknor centre back Carlo Baravelli, formerly of Juventus.**



**Fawknor's top scorer "Skippy" Schipano.**

ing Dino, he will be anxious to knock a few goals past his old team-mates. But Juve is on the way back and the players will be making sure they aren't beaten by a Third Division team.

**Toni Mainenti** is another Fawknor man who's played with Juventus. The talented midfielder is a favorite at Fawknor.

Alongside Dino in the forward line is brilliant youngster **Tony "Skippy" Schipano** a muscular centre forward.

His physique, coupled with his speed, make him a dangerous striker.

The experience of **Dario Epifano** has helped Fawknor considerably. The former George Cross forward is still a handful for any defender.

Fawknor won the Metropolitan Fourth Division this season, losing only one game.

The club's record was: P22 W18 D3 L1 F75 A16 PTS 39.

Fawknor's nearest challengers were Park Rangers (35 points) and Werribee (31 points).

## Salute to Adrigan

**If any coach in Australia deserves praise it is Dones Adrigan, the "goalie-maker."**

Adrigan, who arrived in Australia in 1949, has worked in soccer for 30 years.

He had five years with Canterbury, five years with Manly and was one of the founders and president of the Australian Coaches Federation.

He assisted with the national team's preparation in the sixties and for the past five years he has been manager-coach of NSW club Nepean.

**Jim Fraser, Ron Corry, Allan Maher, Jan Tunman, Garry King, Michael Free** and so many more goalkeepers learned their trade from Adrigan.

Now, during the off-season he is working with about 40 players, mainly goalkeepers, from all over Sydney twice a week.

And in January, he will have a heavy schedule with Australian Soccer Camps as their coach of goalkeepers.

We salute Adrigan. Few have made as great a contribution to Australian soccer.

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**George Christopoulos, Theo Solemidis, Danny Moulis, Ian Hunter, Peter Tremlnick, Craig Hall, Eddie Kneen** — these will be household names in soccer in seasons to come.

They and others have shown some phenomenal form in the national under 19s soccer training camp at the Englefield Stadium in Durai.

It is almost unbelievable that a team of youngsters can improve so much in so short a time. The boys are a completely different side after their three stints in camp.

I predict they will stroll through their qualifying tournament in New Zealand next month.

I further predict they will fare superbly well in the second round in South America. Of course there is still a lot of work to be done.

Coach **Rudi Gutendorf** knows it too, and he continues to spend five to six hours a day with the boys when they are in camp.

Another important factor is that he has no sentimental considerations. You're in only if you're good enough and if you work hard.

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**Toza Veselinovic, who will visit Australia next month as coach of Olympikos, is one of the greatest footballers Yugoslavia has produced.**

He ranks with immortal giants like **Bobek** and **Sekulovic**. I will never forget first meeting Veselinovic. It was at Volvodina, the club with which I spent a season in Yugoslavia. I felt honored to shake the man's hand and to be on the same pitch with him.



## Richmond unbeaten

**This is the Richmond ladies team that won the Victorian Women's second division championship ahead of Hellas, the runner-up.**

Richmond did not lose a match and took three points from Hellas.

The champions also had a player chosen for the Australian women's team — goalkeeper **Monika Werner**.

Credit must go to coach **Mike Hoar** who did an excellent job moulding a winning team from a losing five-a-side group.

Apart from winning on the field, the girls also do a lot of work for the club.

The team pictured is, from left —

Back row: Mick Hoar (Coach), Jenny Gritty, Diane Dawson, Annette Muench, Carolyn Howman, Debbie Beard, Jacky Goodman. Front row: Leanne Jeram, Linda Heaver, Tiny Gritty, Monika Werner, Betty Hoar (vice-captain), Pat Daily (captain). Absent: Linda Newton.

## Scotland 7-0

DUBLIN. The Republic of Ireland and England drew 1-1 in a European soccer championship Group One match here.

In the same group, Northern Ireland beat Denmark 2-1 at Windsor Park, Belfast.

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# GALA KICK-OFF ON SATURDAY

Miss Italian Community will kick off the 1978 "Coppa Italia (Italia Cup) at Smith Reserve, Jukes Road, Fawkner, at 1 pm on Saturday.

The Cup, Australia's major competition for Italian clubs, will run for three weekends.

## Groupings:

Group A: Juventus, Vermont, Latrobe City, East Brunswick.

Group B: Essendon City, Triestina, Nunawading United, Thomastown, Bulleen.

Group C: Fawkner, Moonee Ponds, East Carlton, Bundoora.

Group D: Werribee, Shepparton South, Ascot United, Regent.

## Math programme:

SAT. NOV. 4

1.00 pm Fawkner v Moonee Ponds

2.30 pm Regent v Ascot United

4.00 pm E. Brunswick v Latrobe City

5.30 pm Bulleen v Thomastown

SUN NOV. 5

1.00 pm Bundoora v E. Carlton

2.30 pm Juventus v Vermont

4.00 pm Werribee v Shepparton South

5.30 pm Triestina v Nunawading

SAT. NOV. 11

1.00 pm Nunawading v Bulleen

2.30 pm Vermont v E. Brunswick

4.00 pm Thomastown v Triestina

5.30 pm Ascot United v Werribee

SUN NOV. 12

1.00 pm Fawkner v E. Carlton

2.30 pm Latrobe City v Juventus

4.00 pm Shepparton Sth v Regent

5.30 pm Moonee Ponds v Bundoora

SAT. NOV. 18

1.00 pm Latrobe City v Vermont

2.30 pm Regent v Werribee

4.00 pm E. Carlton v Moonee Ponds

5.30 pm Bundoora v Fawkner

SUN NOV. 19

1.00 pm Bulleen v Triestina

2.30 pm E. Brunswick v Juventus

4.00 pm Ascot United v Shepparton South

5.30 pm Thomastown v Nunawading.

SUNDAY NOV. 26

Semi finals

SUNDAY DEC. 3

Finals

## Injuries upset Vermont

Vermont came close to winning the District League Division Four championship at the first attempt this season.

The eastern suburban club would have created some kind of record if it had won the league.

In 1977, its first year, Vermont won the Cosmopolitan League title and was elected to a place in the VSF District League.

Had Vermont maintained its challenge and won the Fourth Division, it could boast of winning every league it had played in!

Unfortunately, a broken leg suffered by goalkeeper **Kerk Lilikakis** upset Vermont's rhythm. Later, team captain **Benny Dal Ben** took a bad knock and was out of action for a while.

Vermont finished fourth in the league, with the following figure: P18 W10 D3 L5 F40 A32 PTS23.

The teams above Vermont were Malvern City (29 points),



Vermont - (standing left to right) - Forlani, Lilikakis, Lombardi, Del Tondo, Allizzi, McCormack, Diamantopoulos, Gileno. Front (left to right) - Toscana, Bruno Dal Ben, Benny Dal Ben, Signorelli, Dermakis, Angelini

Central City (27 points) and Clarinda (25 points).

But at one stage during the season, Vermont was two points clear at the top, with two games in hand!

The club is reasonably happy with its performance but is determined to make amends in 1979 by winning the league

and promotion to the District Third division.

Vermont was started by the **Dal Ben, Frezzini and Inglesse** families.

The best and fairest award this season went to **Bruno Dal Ben**, who plays on the forward line and is the brother of team captain **Benny**.

**Vince Allizzi** scored 13 goals to be top marksman.

Other consistent performers during the year were full backs **Dominic Pascano** and **Joe Signorelli**.

Numbers of leading players: **Allizzi (10)**, **Pascano (3)**, **Bruno Dal Ben (7)**, **Benny Dal Ben (9)**, **Signorelli (2)**.



Three of Fawkner's stars, from left: Dino DeMarchi (forward), Dario Epifano (forward) and Tony Mainenti (midfielder)



Fawkner, back row from left: N. Ascenzo (vice-president), G. Capulli (president), C. Graser, D. Epifano, S. Bazzano, R. Marcato, R. Vecchiato, T. Schipano, T. Mainenti, C. Baravelli, Mr. De Fazio (sponsor), F. Calabria (Fawkner sports director). Front row: C. Sabidussi, F. Fragale, B. Panas, G. Scordia (masseur), S. Caruso, A. DePetro, G. Vecchio, D. DeMarchi.

## GABAZZI TOPS FOR EAST CARLTON

Ambitious East Carlton signed forward Paul Debernardino from Metropolitan Third Division club Broadmeadows.

East Carlton hopes Debernardino can strike up an understanding with **John Colanigi** and **Pasquale Barrasso** in the forward line.

The District League Third Division club wants to climb into the Second Division.

Easts hit on success in 1977 when it shocked District League soccer followers by qualifying for the semi-finals of the league knock-out competition.

But this season, East Carlton missed out on promotion, finishing fourth on goal average.

The club's record in the league this season was: P18 W10 D2 L6 F32 A24 PTS22.

The teams above East Carlton were Cheltenham (31 points), Diamond Creek (23 points) and North Sunshine (22 points).

East Carlton was only one point away from the runner-up position which gives hope for a good 1979 season.

The club's best and fairest player for 1978 is **Roberto Gabazzi**.

He plays in midfield and is a driving force in the Carlton team.

Backing him up is top defender **Hector Flacco**. Flacco marshalls the backline and is a determined tackler.

In the Italia Cup, Easts will be without **Tony Nisi**, who suffered a serious knee injury in Carlton's last league game.

He fell awkwardly while running, and has since undergone three operations to correct the damage.

Numbers of leading players: **Gabazzi (4)**, **Barrasso (11)**, **Colanigi (9)**, **Debernardino (7)**, **Flacco (5)**.

To all participating in Italia Cup good luck - special best wishes go to Fawkner

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Juventus — (standing left to right) — Reno Viti (coach), Pat Della Rocca, Uli Pfisterer, Hugh Graham, Chris Peponiadis, Steve Walker, Jim Symington, Charlie Smith. Front (left to right) — John Hoston, Mick Watkins, Serge Sabidini, Lou Sannipoli, Bruno Sabidussi, Claude Lucchesi.

## NEW-LOOK JUVE HEADS FOR TOP

JUVENTUS is the most famous Italian-backed soccer club in Victoria, and therefore is under pressure to perform well in the Italia Cup 1978.

Now that Juve has sorted out its internal problems, a bold, new image has emerged, and dreams of Juventus once again being one of the top clubs in Australia are no longer unrealistic.

But to recapture the massive support of the Italian community, Juve must overcome a strong challenge from the new brigade of Italian-backed clubs — Fawkes, Werribee, Thomastown and Regent.

The starting point for Juve could be winning this season's Italia Cup.

The State League club, despite having a poor season, has many talented players and is the favorite to lift the trophy.

Juve's leading men include 1977 Bill Fleming Medalist Mick Watkins, former South Melbourne star Steve Walker, winger John



Juve winger Mick Watkins

## Club directory

GROUP A		
Team	Division	Colors
Juventus	State League	Black and white stripes
Vermont	District Four	Blue and red
Latrobe City	Cosmopolitan League	Blue and white
East Brunswick	Provisional Two	Yellow and red
GROUP B		
Team	Division	Colors
Essendon Triestina	Metropolitan Three	Red
Nunawading Utd	District One	Green, white and red
Thomastown	Provisional Two	Red and black stripes
Bulleen	Provisional Two	Maroon
GROUP C		
Team	Division	Colors
Fawkner	Metropolitan Three	Blue and white
Moonee Ponds	District Two	Red and white
East Carlton	District Three	Red and white
Sundora	Cosmopolitan League	Green and white
GROUP D		
Team	Division	Colors
Werribee	Metropolitan Four	Gold and black
Shepparton South	North-Eastern League	Black and white
Ascot Utd	District Three	Red and white
Regent	District One	Green and white

**Under 16s  
win 6-0**

Juventus has the chance to complete an Italia Cup double when the senior team competes this weekend.

The club's under 16 team won the Italia Junior Cup last weekend, defeating Regent 6-0 in the final.

The Mayor of Brunswick, Mr H. Jury, presented the cup to Juventus under 16s, in the presence of Mr G. Grandine, the current president of Juventus, and Mr A. Lannucci, the founder president when the club was established in 1948.

Full results list:  
Under 11: Fawkner 3 Juventus 2, under 12: Fawkner 2 Thomastown 0, under 14: Thomastown 0, Werribee 1, under 13: Juventus 2 Thomastown 2 (Juventus won 3-2 on penalties) under 16: Juventus 6 Regent 0.

In the Mirabella Under 19 Cup, donated by former Juventus president Paul Mirabella, Essendon Croatia defeated Juventus 3-0.



Guenter Gerick (left), then of Keilor City, battles against Juventus star Sandy Irvine, whose face is obscured by the ball Gerick, who also played for Richmond, St Albans and Helvetia, is now with Werribee.

## Star's suspension hampered Easts

East Brunswick didn't have a good start to the 1978 season.

After a Dockerty Cup game against Doncaster Rovers of the Metropolitan Second division, Easts star midfielder Antonio Madaffera was suspended for 12 months by the Victorian Soccer Federation disciplinary committee.

Madaffera was involved in an on-field disturbance, and his absence affected East Brunswick.

In 1977, Brunswick finished in eighth position in the Second division of Provisional League but could rise only one place in 1978, finishing seventh after a promising start.

But the club is determined to put on a good showing in the Italia Cup.

East Brunswick does not want to be eliminated in the first round, in what is the most prestigious competition for Melbourne's Italian-backed clubs.

Easts will be a hard opponent for any team.

Winger Vince Tavalero was in great form this season, scoring 10 goals to finish as top goalscorer.

He was helped by hard-working centre forward Dominic Parisi.

East Brunswick's league record: P22 W6 D3 L11 F42 A38 PTS 19.

Numbers of leading players: Tavalero (11), Parisi (9).



Joe Sensini in the colors of his former club, Juventus. He's now captain of Ascot Vale.



Frank Grimaldi of Ascot is one of Australia's longest coaches for longevity.

The Third Division District League boss has been at the helm of Ascot 1 years and in today's world where come and go like the wind, that's achievement.

Grimaldi has stuck it out through the thin, and is hopeful his club is now way back.

When Frank took over as player/coach in 1969, the club won the Third Division District League championship.

But from then on, Ascot gradually declined, although Grimaldi's enthusiasm and dedication has remained constant.

Ascot spent only one season in the Division, after winning promotion in 1971.

Grimaldi, a midfielder, still makes a casual appearance in the Ascot team.

The top players in the Ascot side moment include Vic Spano, Joe Si Phil Bavaro, Mario Inselec and M Ciavarella.

Inselec was Ascot's top goalscorer with 16 goals, but they all came in a hectic seven-game period after which centre forward failed to score.

Ciavarella is a left-sided midfielder one of the most consistent players, team, while Sensini and Spano combine in the midfield combination.

Bavaro is the strongman in defence stopper position, and is a reliable back.

Ascot's 1978 playing records was W6 D3 L9 F31 A36 PTS 15.

Ascot finished in ninth position, Yarraleen, Central Brunswick and Park.

Numbers of leading players: In (9), Bavaro (5), Sensini (4), Ciavarella (6), Spano (8).



Werribee — (standing left to right) — Bob Milloy (coach), Reno Di Gioachino, Paul Reardon, Kaz Klain, Shane Kinnear, Janos Angyasy. Front (left to right) — Mick Paisley, Dave McNeil, Robert Amos, Mario Mantello, Keith Lindsay, Gunter Gerick.

## Werribee aims at Philips League!

Werribee, which is backed by the Italian Social Club of Werribee, is planning to be independent within the next five years.

The Metropolitan Fourth Division Club hopes to have its own licensed clubrooms as soon as possible. This will help its push towards the top.

And believe it or not, the State League isn't Werribee's ultimate aim, just a stepping stone to the Philips League.

But it will be a few years before Werribee is in a position to vie for PSL membership.

At the moment, Werribee is happy with the support given to it by the Italian Social Club.

Werribee was among the front runners for promotion all season but missed out by four points.

Park Rangers, with 35 points, and Fawkner, with 39, finished above Werribee.

The club's record was P22 W12 D7 L3 F50 A27 PTS 31.

But Werribee is a favorite to rise to the Third Division after next season.

Michael Paisley, a left winger, was Werribee's top scorer this season.

Kaz Klain, who previously played for Sunshine and Keilor City, was a tower of strength in defence, aided by Paul Riordon.

In goal, Robert Amis is a safe keeper.

Werribee is tipped to do well in the Italia Cup.



Ascot (standing left to right) — Spadaro, Grimaldi (coach), Bavaro, Baffi, Ranti, Belardo, Spano, Vento, Versaci. Front (left to right) — Inselec, Ciavarella, Monforte, Fontana, Sensini (capt), Santilli. Missing: Raschella, Tsolakis, Presto.

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# Walkover may cost promotion

Nunawading Utd will not know if it has won promotion from the First Division of the District League until the outcome of a Victorian Soccer Federation hearing.

Regent and Nunawading Utd finished with 28 points each but goal average gave United second place behind South Oakleigh, and promotion.

But Regent has appealed to the V.S.F. to reconsider the situation. Regent's goal average was inferior by 0.05 per cent, but the club claims it would have bettered

United's average had it played its game against Yarraville. Regent was awarded two points from its game against Yarraville, which gave a walkover but no goals. Had Regent won 1-0, it would have finished in second place.

Nunawading is waiting anxiously for the outcome. Martin van der Maat helped keep Nunawading in the hunt for promotion with 17 goals this season, which made him top goalscorer.

Many of his goals were engineered by Danny Ergini, an attacking midfielder with a flair for scoring goals as well as creating them.

While Ergini and van der Maat were doing the work up front, libero Steve Zecchin was keeping an eye on things in defence.

A classy player, Zecchin organised the defence, as well as starting attacking moves. Nunawading's record this year in the league is: W12 D4 L6 F49 A33 PTS 28.

Numbers of leading players: Ergini (61), van der Maat (7), Zecchin (5).



Nunawading Utd — (standing left to right) — Fontana, Dragan Milosevic, Dino Milosevic, Ragno, Van de Maat, Zecchin, Di Piero, Corazzini (coach). Front (left to right) — Yeadon, Ergini, La Fauce, Rea (capt), Cerasa, De Melis, Stravros, Torelli.

## Watch Zavattiero

Although fifth position indicates only an average season in a 12 team competition, Moonee Ponds performed creditably.

Formerly known as Croxton, the club changed its name and went from the Third to the Second Division of the District League.

Moonee did well to finish in the top half of the ladder and can look forward to climbing higher in 1979.

The club was founded three years ago and has improved steadily since.

In the Italia Cup, Moonee Ponds hopes to make an impression.

Best and fairest award winner Mario Zavattiero has been excellent in mid-field this season, and a vital link in the team.

Tony Severino grabbed 15 goals this season. He is the target man in the forward line.

Peter Paglia gives Severino many openings and has a fair shot.

In defence, full backs Giulio Cerni and Dominic

Aloe have been blocking opposition wingers well. Moonee Ponds record this season is: P22 W11 D5 L 6 F49 A39 PTS 27.

The teams that finished above Moonee were Thornbury (35 points), Hawk-

sburn (32 points), Clifton Hill (31 points) and Rosanna (30 points).

Numbers of leading players: Zavattiero (6), Severino (11), Paglia (10), Cerni (3), Aloe (2).

## SHEPPARTON: TEN TROPHIES SO FAR

Two bus loads of players, supporters and officials will leave Shepparton on Saturday and head for Melbourne.

The people of Shepparton South soccer club have been captured by the festive spirit of the Italia Cup, and have entered for the first time.

Shepparton South, which plays in the North-Eastern League, is the only entrant from the rural area.

The club is only five years old but already has won 10 trophies in the N.E.L.

Shepparton's entry makes the Italia Cup a truly State-wide competition.

Souths field four teams in the local competition; two senior and two junior.

The first team had a below-average season, finishing in fifth place. But a successful trip to Melbourne in anticipation, to make up for previous disappointments.

Shep South's best and fairest this season was Tony Picolo, a midfielder.

Runner-up was Milvan Muto, who also finished as top goalscorer.

Albert Amadei, another midfielder, is one of Shep's outstanding players.

Numbers of leading players: Muto (9), Picolo (4), Amadei (6).

## THON



Regent — (standing left to right) — John Spataro (committee), Peter Balassone (coach), Angelo Mastroianni, Mario Sciola (capt), Frank Cinque, Paul Lostia, Lou Ianne, Luciano Sciola, Frank Taverna, John Sciola (team manager), Rocky Maurici (president), Michael Andonovski (vice president). Front row (left to right) — Larry Moscatiello, John Moscatiello, Phil Taverna, Tony Consentino, Frank Dallas, Rino Giacomini, Marco Valenzi, Charlie Spiteri.

## REGENT WANTS REVENGE

Coach Peter Balassone has predicted a big future for Regent youngster Franky Dallas.

Balassone, a former coach of Nunawading City, has gone as far

as to say the 20-year-old midfielder is 'wasting his time playing in the District League'.

Franky has the ability to play a much higher grade of soccer, said Balassone. 'He has a great shot and stands out because he's a thinker'.

He could become a top player. He attacks from the midfield and is a good, all-round player.

Some of the bigger Italian-backed clubs at the Italia Cup may keep an eye out for Dallas.

The mood in the Regent camp, as it prepared for the Cup competition, is one of revenge.

The First Division District League club believes it was 'hoodwinked' during last season's Italia Cup.

Regent, which has a good record in the Italia Cup, was eliminated by Fawkner in last season's Cup after a mix-up over the rules.

'Before we played Fawkner,' said Balassone, 'we had a goal average of 3-0. Fawkner's was 8-1 and we were told our average was inferior'.

'We went all out for victory because of the goal average, but lost 0-1 after Fawkner scored a late goal'.

'Later we discovered our 3-0 goal average was better after all, and a draw against Fawkner would have been enough'.

'It's our fault we didn't check the rules but the club was very disappointed'.

Regent's young team is determined to do well.

In 1976, Regent reached the final but went down 1-3 to the strong Juventus.

Last season saw the unfortunate elimination at the hands of Fawkner.

Luciano Sciola of Regent won the top goalscorer's trophy in 1976 and last season Philip Taverna, the current secretary of Regent, won the trophy for the top goalscorer.

Taverna is still in goal for Regent.

Scoring the goals for Regent these days is Luigi Ianni, the tall centre forward who grabbed 15 this season.

Tony Consentino is a real 90-minute man, giving effort the whole game, while Mario Sciola is a safe sweeper.

He's helped in defence by Joe Bellizia a dependable backman.

Regent has many young players and it was inexperience that cost them dearly during the year.

But their ability lifted them to third spot (see Nunawading Utd story), missing out on promotion by 0.05 per cent on goal average.

Season's details were: P22 W10 D8 L4 F36 A25 PTS 28.

Shirt numbers of leading players: Dallan (10), Taverna (GK 1), Sciola (5), Ianni (9).

## Triestina puts trust in youth

Essendon City Triestina is banking on a bold youth policy to lift the club back into the Victorian soccer limelight.

The former State League club will field nine juniors in its team for the Italia Cup, and will continue to push youngsters into the first team during 1979.

The selection of Roberto Traficante of Triestina as the Weinstein Medal winner for the best under 16 player in Victoria, is ample proof of the success of the club's policy.

Triestina is determined to push its juniors, as it believes both the club and the players will benefit.

Michael Gacomini has represented Victoria at junior level and plays sweeper in Triestina's first team.

Despite being only 16, he has shown a great level of maturity in the responsible position.

Goalkeeper Marcel Biasol and Frank Brongo are two other youngsters who will play in the Italia Cup.

Harry Delizza for Juventus has played in many positions with Triestina and at 20 years of age, has a promising future.

Essendon City Triestina was relegated from the Third Division of the Metropolitan League, but in the light of the youth of the team, the performance was not too disastrous.

The experience gained will help Essendon in the Fourth Division, and hopefully lift the club back into the higher division.

Triestina finished 11th with 11 points, five more than bottom-placed Moorabbin, but six adrift from 10th placed Mooroolbark.

The club's record was: P22 W4 D3 L14 F23 A52 PTS11.

Laurie Gafa (ex Broadmeadows) was Essendon's outstanding player, winning the best and fairest award and being top goalscorer.

Manuel Manini was voted the most consistent player.

Numbers of leading players: Gafa (9), Gacomini (5), Manini (2).

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Thomastown — (standing left to right) — Korlevic (coach), Ceizzo, Kandi, Rossetto, Arcocorace (sponsor), Rizzo, Karamitanis, Mizzi, Lia. Front (left to right) — Gugliemi, Spataro, Vangeli, Carnovale, Ppaodopolous, Sciluna. Not in the picture — Zuanetti, Luanetti, Sgarlata, Amuso.

## Nick Kandi ace for Thomastown

Thomastown received breaks of the wrong kind during the 1978 season.

Instead of getting some good breaks which would lift the club to the top of the Provisional League division Two, Thomastown managed to finish only fifth.

But star players **Harry Praelos** and **Ange Zuanetti** ended up with broken bones!

**Praelos**, a centre half, broke a leg during the season, and **Zuanetti** broke a wrist.

It was a personal tragedy for Praelos. The former Fitzroy Utd. defender was playing extremely well and Fitzroy was considering approaching the Thomastown strongman with the aim of luring him back.

Zuanetti's injury wasn't as serious as Praelos', and he has since resumed playing.

It was a disappointing season for Thomastown. The club expected to do much better but injuries and a lack of form saw Town just below the leaders.

**John Rossetto** was converted to the stopper position after the injury to Praelos, and did a good job.

**Charlie Rizzo**, the team's other centre back, played solidly during the year.

In the Italia Cup, Thomastown will be able to draw on the experience of **Nick Kandi**, a midfielder.

Kandi has played for George Cross and Keilor Austria, and his displays this season have been excellent.

He works well in midfield with **Chris Karamitanis**, a promising player.

For the record, Thomastown's season figures were: P22 W11 D7 L4 F47 A30 PTS 29.

The teams that finished above Thomastown were Sunbury (37 points), Royal Park (32 points), Melton (32 points) and Central Altona (30 points).

Numbers of leading players: **Kandi** (8), **Rizzo** (5), **Rossetto** (6), **Karamitanis** (10).

# LATROBE VALUES THE SUPPORT OF CLUB CAVOUR

Latrobe City has the distinction of being the youngest club competing in the Italia Cup.

Established early this year, Latrobe has applied for membership of the Victorian Soccer Federation after playing in the Cosmopolitan League this season.

Latrobe City finished third in the Cosmo League, and now hopes to be able to force its way into the District League.

The Cosmopolitan League is unknown to most soccer followers but it is the breeding ground for new clubs. The V.S.F. has drafted many Cosmo teams into the Federation and has a good relationship with the league.



Latrobe, standing from left — **E. Cassano** (coach), **C. Naoum** (vice-captain), **P. Montagna** (captain), **G. Zoumboulakis**, **D. Parisi**, **A. Mirabelli** (secretary), **C. Parrino**, **J. Guarini**. Front: **A. DeLuca** (president), **P. Oleksiuk**, **J. Mantini**, **V. Mirabelli** (treasurer), **E. Mochi**, **A. Rizzo**, **B. Esposito**.

Latrobe originated from the Italian Club Cavour, a licensed club in South Melbourne.

The Club Cavour established in 1917 and the oldest Italian social club in Melbourne.

bourne, sponsors Latrobe City, which in turn draws players and supporters from the club.

Latrobe is building up at a steady pace and plans are under way for the formation of a junior team for the 1979 season.

This season was a good one for Latrobe. It took third place, and was among the leading teams all year.

**Vince Mirabelli** was the winner of the club's best and fairest award.

The dependable full back edged out **George Zoumboulakis**, a midfielder, who finished second in the best player voting.

**Eric Mochi** a striker, finished third in the award.

**Jim Guarini** was the top goalscorer, grabbing 11 goals in the centre forward position.

But at the other end, goalkeeper **Joe Santilli** was a consistent performer and saved Latrobe in many games with his efforts.

Although Latrobe is not expecting to win the Italia Cup, the experience will benefit the club in years to come.

Numbers of leading Latrobe players: **Santilli** (GK 1), **Mirabelli** (2), **Zoumboulakis** (8), **Guarini** (9).



Bulleen — (standing left to right) **Tocchetto**, **Giacomi**, **Benetti**, **Spadaro** (capt/coach), **D. Smarrelli**, **Turkovic**, **Agnoletti**. Front (left to right) — **Bordin**, **De Blasio**, **Sculli**, **Mason**, **Scherian**. Missing — **Mattaruccio**, **Amadio**, **Raspa**, **M. Smarrelli**, **Marinero**, **Pillot**, **Partridge**.

## Spadaro is 'Mr. Bulleen'

**Adrian Spadaro** believes in total commitment.

When he switched from Juventus to Bulleen he decided to give his new club all he had.

And so, Spadaro is club secretary, coach, treasurer of its youth section and, as he puts it, "chief water boy."

He's no slouch on the field either, as he won Bulleen's best and fairest award this year.

**Joe Sculli** joined Bulleen from Wangaratta this year and came second in the best and fairest voting although he played only 11 games.

**Mauro Mattaruccio** joined this year from St Joseph's East Brunswick, and came third in the voting although he managed only seven games!

Bulleen's most consistent goalscorer over the past three or four years has been **Wally Agnoletti**, son of club president **Tom Agnoletti**.

Another prominent player is former Juventus man **Serge Turkovic** who was player-coach of Essendon City Triestina last year.

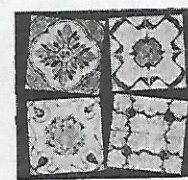
Bulleen was set up five years ago and is backed by the sumptuous Veneto Social Club.

It was promoted from the District League to the second division of the Provisional League two years ago but has been relegated again after finishing second last this year.

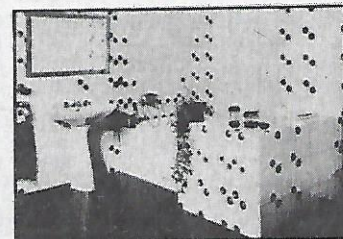
The club fielded three junior teams that year, but hopes to have four in 1979.

Bulleen's leading players, with shirt numbers: **Adrian Spadaro** (No.6), **Joe Sculli** (No.8), **Mauro Mattaruccio** (No.10).

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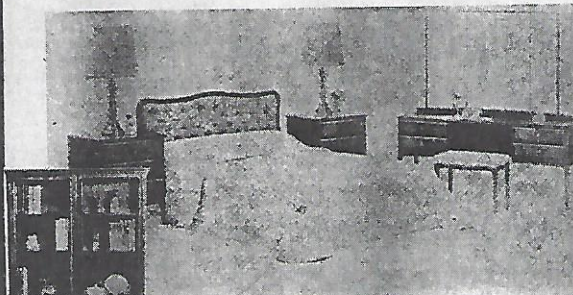


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Bundoora — (standing left to right) — M. Paradiso (trainer), John Montemurro, M. Valesse, G. Leonard, A. Montemurro, Paul Montemurro (president), R. Montagna, Adrian Falasca, D. Lauria, E. Pascolo, R. Paradiso, A. Russo (official/linesman). Front (left to right) — Anthony Russo, Anthony Falasca, Joe Zozza (capt), Paul Palermo, Carlo Tavoraro (coach), F. Palermo, R. Pascolo.



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## Bundoora now ready to climb

After spending the first two seasons of its existence in the Cosmopolitan League, Bundoora is set to become a member of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The club, sponsored by Societa Val D'Agri, a 23-year-old Italian social club, has planned its rise meticulously.

Bundoora successfully applied for V.S.F. membership at the start of the 1978 season but reversed its decision and stayed in the Cosmopolitan League.

The club wanted more time to get established, both on the playing and administrative sides.

The setting up of a soccer club has been of great benefit to Societa Val D'Agri, and a lot of effort is being devoted to the soccer body.

The younger generation of Societa Val D'Agri has increased in size and interest because of the soccer body.

Also the interest of the older members has been rejuvenated.

In 1977, Bundoora finished third in the Cosmopolitan League with 14 wins from 22 games. Carlo Tavoraro, a former Juventus and Triestina player, took over as coach for the 1978 season and impressed with his enthusiasm.

Bundoora finished in second position, missing out on the championship by one point. But the average age of the team is 19 years, so the potential is there for continued success.

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Each player was presented with a token of the club's appreciation at a recent presentation night and everyone associated with the club expressed confidence about Bundoora's future prospects.

The major award winners at the presentation night were: Gavin Leonard (best and fairest), John Montemurro (second best and fairest), Carlo Tavoraro (top goalscorer), Anthony Montemurro (best clubman) and Anthony Russo (most improved). They're the players to watch in the Coppa Italia.

Bundoora may not be the biggest club around, but it has the right attitude to gain considerable success.

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# Tasmanians too good for the mainlanders

The Glenorchy-Croatia Club of Hobart must be looking to the future with great satisfaction, for its under 13 team could produce many stars in the next few years.

The under 13s completed the season undefeated, and in doing so won the K.O. Cup final 4-nil over St Mirren and then played Juventus-Pioneer to win 3-nil and clinch the premiership.

Essendon Croatia's crack under 13 team who were undefeated in roster games and won the Victorian title, visited Hobart and played the Glenorchy team. This resulted in a scoreless draw. The local boys goaled but it was disallowed by the referee who claimed the goalkeeper had been interfered with.

On their end-of-season trip to Adelaide the Glenorchy team played two games against Adelaide Croatia, winning 5-0 and 4-2.

The photo was taken before the boys' game against Essendon Croatia at the South Hobart ground, with Mt Wellington in the background. From left, Back row - Frank Perry, James Ogden, Tony Kurshbaum, Paul Furjanic, Scott Warrington, Simon Templeman, Ibrahim Cahout, Michael Nunn. Front - Dinko, Dzelalija, Richard Neads, John White, Tony Bacic, Paul Pless, Scott Young.



Waverley City under 10s, winners of the Federation Cup and runners-up in the League, with coach Alan Roberts. Back row: Anthony Perree, Darren Plehan, Martin Hunter, David Sharp, Greg Little, Robert Robinson, George Pavlou, Robert Brian. Front: Damien Phillips, Alex Brkic, Jason Roberts, Ronnie Ichlov, Michael Green, Peter Weingold.



Thomastown under 14s — came third in under 14A Division, won Diamond Valley Hospital Cup and St Albans Cup for under 14s. Standing from left — A. Nardella, P. DeCesare (coach), J. Belevski, M. Tardia, R. Kragiacic, F. Iannantuono, N. Inliano, S. Kragiacic, S. Turco, N. DeMartino, D. Santostefano (tam manager). Front — G. Nardella, S. Santostefano, G. Zuanetti, N. Doumtsris, R. Peric, T. Taloj, R. Smith, A. Macali.

# JUNIOR SOCCER ACTION



Juventus under 13s, standing from left — S. Sannipoli (coach), S. Manini, A. Muccio, T. Dellefoglie, A. Zannini, Robert L. Todaro, Harry V. Iacones. Front — F. Lubdick, F. Moras, W. Costa, G. Sannipoli (captain), N. Amodio, G. DeAmicis.



Bulleen under 12s from left — extreme rear — coach Farascio; back row — D'Alto, Bettiol, Barbieri, Pillon, D'Alto, Favrin, Peganaro, Front — Marcolin, Pansino, Pettenon, Pegararo, Reostinolfi, Stella.

**They're champs**



The under 11A team of Fawknor, champion of its league. Standing from left — D. Clemente (coach), B. Fico, L. Ferla, M. Catalano, G. Rizza, P. Michal, P. Ferla, team manager Biasizzo, P. Dickson, G. Ferla. Front — R. Barresi, S. Giacomantonio, P. Mazama, R. DeClemente, S. Biasizzo, F. Sabbadini, M. Franceschi.

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Thomastown under 12s champions in Yarra Region. Standing from left — S. Montalto, P. Peric, P. Bartoletto, J. Lizza, C. Christopoulos, T. Moloy, P. Zorro, M. Salvaggio, M. Caiazzo (coach). Front — M. Iamarino, T. Cienar, J. Dell'orso, M. Lamicella, R. Marcellino, R. Cammareri.



Fawknor under 14s, standing — J. DeFrancesco (secretary), J. Mangato, A. Ascenzo, J. Schimascio, I. Zubic, T. DiPasquale, L. Bertelli, P. Failla, J. Climenti, L. Roccioletti, M. Failla (team manager), Front — L. Dimoccia (coach), A. Failla, T. Alessi, N. Iacobozzi, D. Briganti, G. DeFrancesco, A. Caruso, F. Monaco, S. Magnano.



Juventus under 14s, standing from left — D. Ciccone (team manager), P. Romano (captain), M. Tisocco, D. Crisanti, F. DeMateo, F. Tascone, M. Coccocchio, C. Uliva, D. Zanti, P. Iovennitti. Front row — G. Ciccone, P. Ricci, M. Iacono, V. Vallebuona, G. Grewes, L. Chan, M. Musumicci, T. Mariani (coach).

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Juventus under 12s second in Yarra Region. Standing from left — L. Galante, C. Gebbo, L. Trani, P. Brancati, D. Ruccia, G. Apostolakis, T. Ciccone, A. Arturi (coach). Front — D. Lugi, T. Valentino, R. Baftigarov, A. Peruffo, F. Siciliano, R. Minichiello, A. Pozzobon.



Fawknor under 13s standing from left — R. Salpietro (assistant coach), V. Paladino, N. Campana, F. Delfonso, G. Traikouska, S. Niccoli, F. Paladius (coach). Front — R. Mantini, A. Barresi, D. Cassar, G. Pepe, V. Frarin, D. Salpietro. Not pictured — team manager F. Niccoli.



# JANUARY

**15th.** South Melbourne coach **Dave MacLaren** announces the 15 players being retained from last year's side. Omissions include costly buys **John Gardiner** and **Noel Mitten**.

**18th.** Sunshine City seeking a renewal of the existing lease on the ground which expires in 1981, are told by the owners VicRail that the rental will be increased from \$550 to \$15,675 a year. The draw is announced for the first round of the Cumberland Cup, 88 teams from the Metro, Provincial, and District Leagues will compete for prize-money totalling \$2000 plus trophies.

**21st.** Brisbane Lions beat four Melbourne based clubs in the race for Mooroolbark's **Barrie Fairbrother**.

**25th.** The Phillips Soccer League expels Mooroolbark because the club failed to refute certain findings of a sub-committee set up to investigate the club. The club lacked adequate administration, did not have a suitable ground, and failed to pay fees to some of their players. Mooroolbark will now play in the Victorian Third Division and will try to recover debts of around \$50,000 by selling their players. Already **Alan Pongho** and **Pat Lowrey** have been transferred to Croynod for an undisclosed fee.

The pre-season transfers continue. **Vince Bannion** joins Frankston City from Fitzroy United for \$2000.

**25th.** Mike Miconval transfers from Marconi to Fitzroy. Miconval recently returned from West Germany where he had trials with Arminia Bielefeld.

# FEBRUARY

**1st.** Frantic activity by most State League clubs in preparation of the Ampol Cup due to kick off next week. **Preston** are seeking the services of **George McMillan** from Azzurri (WA) who spent a season on loan with Essendon last year. Essendon-Croatia are after **Tom Cumming** of Sunshine. **Green Gully** announce plans of bringing Maltese international **Willie Vassallo** for two years and Mooroolbark's **Gordon McGregor** is training with Frankston.

**6th.** Essendon sack coach **Duncan McKay** after he has an argument with club president **Joe Signor** over team selection at the weekend's friendly match against Preston. **John Gardiner** will be the new coach. Meanwhile the transaction is completed for **Tom Cumming** to join Essendon; the transfer fee \$800.

**8th.** Mooroolbark reject a offer of \$15,000 by a Geelong team, (probably North Geelong), to take the club into the Third Division. **Preston** become the first State League club to gain major sponsorship. **G. F. Vesilovski Pty Ltd** builders, back the club to the tune of \$6000 for the year.

**12th.** Two imports grab the limelight as the Ampol Cup kicks off. **David Parkin** of Green Gully and **David Nelson** of Sunshine score two goals each to help their sides in the victories over Frankston and Albion respectively. Player coach **John Gardiner** leads Essendon to a 2-0 victory over Marconi.

**15th.** Jim Shoulder announces he will not continue as coach of the national team. After three years in the hot seat he reckons he needs a break. He intends to learn more about the game by doing coaching courses in Germany and England. A \$10,000 strainer **Graham French** transfer listed by South Melbourne.

**Duncan McKay** speaks out about his dismissal from Essendon. "I was sacked because I wouldn't bow to committee people who were making their noses into my business," he says. The first round proper of the Cumberland Cup brings a few surprises. **Monash University** defeat **Farristown** 2-0. **Bruswick** emerge 2-1 winners over **Heidelberg**. **Greenborough** defeat **Coburg** by the same score and **Essendon City** beat **Kent Australia** 4-1 after a full time scoreline of 4-4.

**19th.** Second weekend of Ampol Cup action. Star recruit **Lu Adams** breaks a leg after scoring two goals in a 4-0 win over Altona. **Hakoah** feature coach **Mike Mandella** in a comeback as a player but Juve win 1-0 through a **Charlie Smith** penalty. **Bill McCormack** scores a hat-trick in Albion's 3-0 win over Slavia.

**22nd.** Jim Shoulder will be retained as national coach for the rest of the Greek national team. **Metropolitan League Club** **Western Suburbs** snap up **Marian Jaworski** and **Andy Czaplak** from Polonia for \$3800 and now are likely to be leading contenders for the Division One championship. **Croydon** wallop holders **Box Hill** 4-1 in the Cumberland Cup with goals by **Lowrey** 2, **Hamilton** (pen) and **Murphy**.

**25th.** Only two weeks after his exit from Essendon, **Duncan McKay** is appointed coach of the Victorian State Team to succeed **Ron Smith** who is returning to England.

**26th.** Footscray JUST swoop in to sign **Hakoah's** **Mike O'Hara** to replace keeper **Dennis Boland** who will be out for two months through illness. **Hakoah** get \$3000 and forward **Steve Adamagilis** in part exchange.

**Juve** win their third consecutive match through penalty goals. This time **Charlie Smith's** spot kick is enough to dispose of **Green Gully**. And still on penalties, 36 spot kicks have to be taken to decide the winner of the **Preston v Sunshine** match after the teams are level 1-1 at the end of extra time. **Preston** finally win 17-16. **Slavia** announce the arrival of four new imports from Britain - **Jim Paton**, **Steve Aldridge**, **Harry Bolton** and **Martin Turner**. A rash of high scores is the highlight of the preliminary round of the Dockery Cup played on the weekend. **Fawkner** trounce **Beaconsfield** 7-1. **Richmond** defeat **Melburn** 7-1.

**28th.** **Paul Ontong** leaves for **Brisbane Lions** from Mooroolbark for \$6000. Lions already have the former team-mate **Barrie Fairbrother**.

# MARCH

**1st.** **George Cross** are hit by transfer requests from keeper **Lou Kastner** and **Ken Reid**. **Kastner** has put his request in writing and has quit the club in the meantime. **Reid** is dissatisfied with match payments and claims that part of his signing on fee has not been paid. However he will play on with the club until he finds another. **John Grimsey** becomes the second State League club coach to get the bullet. When **Green Gully** dismiss him.

**3rd.** **Mike Kelly** returns to **Hakoah** on a free transfer after two seasons with Mooroolbark. The Barkers had previously asked for \$1000 for him but when they were expelled from the Phillips League they failed to place his name and fee on the list of players available for transfer. The ASF stipulated that players not on the list were to be given free transfers.

**4th.** The Phillips League kicks off, and the three Melbourne-based clubs all record victories in the first round. **South Melbourne** **Hellas** 2-0 away win at **St. George** is particularly impressive. In the Ampol Cup **Albion** notch an upset 2-1 win over "B" section favourites **Preston**. New signing **Noel Mitten** scores the first goal in the first minute with his first kick for his new club. **Ringwood** record their first win in four matches thanks to **John O'Callaghan** who weighs in with all four goals in a 4-0 win over **Altona**. **George Cross** win despite the absence of **Kastner**.

**8th.** Footscray JUST announce they will participate in a "Festival of Football" being organised by the Fitzroy Australian

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tively and are expected to be included for the match against Marconi on Saturday. The match is to be part of the "Festival of Football" at the Junction Oval, St. Kilda.

**17th.** 17-year-old striker **Eddie Krncic** smashes home four goals in Essendon's 4-1 win over Albion in the Ampol Cup. The other semi also provides a glut of goals - three of them in the first five minutes - but **Preston** lead all the way to emerge 5-3 victors over **Juventus**.

**18th.** Marconi defeat Footscray 2-0 in front of 5,000 reportedly unimpressed spectators at the Junction Oval. The two JUST newcomers make their debut and acquit themselves well. In the Dockery Cup's first main round, provisional league club **Geelong** collect the hide of first division club **Polonia Maribyrnong** in a 3-2 win. And State League club **Slavia** make an early exit at the hands of **Western Suburbs** for the second year running.

**19th.** Fitzroy's game against **Hakoah Eastern Suburbs** in Sydney is one of three PSL games postponed because of the weather. **South Melbourne** play **Geelong** in a 3-2 win. **Peter Orlerton** scores two in a 3-0 win over **Newcastle** to keep **Hellas** in second place putting pressure on **Marconi**. There are no

**23rd.** Footscray JUST president **Tony Kovac** defends the "Festival of Football" experiment despite his club losing \$4000 in gate receipts. "We thought it was a fantastic move by Fitzroy to bring the three codes together and we will be in it again any time they ask," he says. **Juventus** dismiss coach **Bobby Thomson** over disappointing performances in the Ampol and Dockery Cup. The committee asks player **Charlie Smith** to take over as caretaker coach but eight players walk out of training when they hear of the appointment.

**24th.** Frankston plunge into the transfer market again, signing evergreen **Tom Fox** from Preston.

**25th.** Footscray earn a point at home to **Hakoah-East** thanks to **Ristovski's** equaliser two minutes from the end. In the Dockery Cup's second round **Croydon City** cause the upset of the day by defeating Ampol Cup finalists **Preston**. Substitute **Jim Wyllie** scores the all important goal, **Col Holden** for **Juventus** make an early exit, losing 2-3 to **Frankston City**. Caretaker coach **Charlie Smith** in hospital with a bad back does not attend the game and the eight dissidents get to play. **Western Suburbs** find the loss of **Steve Moore** - sent off in the second half - too heavy and **Albion** advance to next round at their expense with a 4-3 win.

**26th.** Fitzroy facing two matches in two days, crash 0-3 to **Western Suburbs** (NSW) at Schintler Reserve due to slack defensive work. **South Melbourne** draw 1-1 away to **Brisbane Lions** and are now two points behind **Marconi** although they hold on to second place.

**27th.** Fitzroy lose again, this time 1-2 to **Hakoah-East**, and sink to second last in the table. Coach **Tony Boggi** drops **Jim O'Reilly** and **Branko Buljivic** prior to the game and the latter threatens to quit the club. **Tommy Randles** resigns as coach of **Slavia** after finding the position too demanding but will stay on as a player. Assistant coach, **Nick Cook**, signs for **Sunshine** in a swap deal which takes **Ian McCarthy** to **Green Gully**. **Roy Hamilton** scores a hat-trick in **Croydon's** 3-1 win over **Western Suburbs** in the Cumberland Cup final.

**29th.** **Branko Buljivic** cools down and won't quit Fitzroy after all. He apologises to the committee for having lost his temper.

**30th.** **Duncan McKay** takes over at **Green Gully** after being lured by an offer that makes him the highest paid coach in the State League.

**31st.** **Mendo Ristovski** is knocked down by a car while crossing a street in Footscray and might be out of action for over a month. The young JUST forward was in the Victorian State squad.

# APRIL

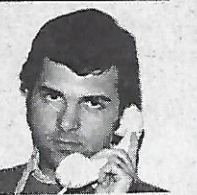
**1st.** Essendon Croatia retain the Ampol Cup, defeating Preston on penalties in an exciting final in front of 7000 fans. **Dennis Boland** 0-2 inside 20 minutes, they gradually wear down Preston and equalise with goals by **Culina** and **Murphy** before full time. After extra time proves of no avail, penalties decide the issue and **Garry Hooper's** miss proves costly for Preston as Essendon win 5-4.

**2nd.** A record crowd of over 16,000 people watch the derby between Greek backed clubs **South Melbourne** and **Fitzroy** which ends in a 1-1 draw. Footscray JUST do well to hold **Western Suburbs** to a scoreless draw in Sydney. **Croydon** defeat **Hakoah** thanks to a goal by **Hamilton** and now advance to the Dockery Cup semi-finals along with **Ringwood City**, extra time winners over **Albion**.

**4th.** **Juventus** appoint **Bobby McLachlan** as coach. McLachlan has been assistant to **Tony Boggi** at Fitzroy.

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**MAY 3rd** — George Campbell, South Melbourne's \$20,000 signing finally flies in to Melbourne and despite suffering from "jet lag, trains with the club in the evening. "I felt I was wearing lead boots," he says afterwards.

**4th** — Coach Bill Dumbell is "told to resign" by the Preston committee after making statements in the Press that he will not play the two Macedonian imports again this weekend. Player Eric Leabral will act as coach for a trial period.

**5th** — Former State League Club Polonia making a bid to return to the top, import the second player of the season, Jan Gawlik from Polish club Stal Rzeszow.

**6th** — PSL: George Campbell lives up to the build-up to South Melbourne gave him prior to his arrival, with a great display against Western Suburbs in Hellas 2-1 win. Orlerton scores both of South's goals. Fitzroy grab their first point under John Margatita. Boden puts Newcastle in the lead but goals by Buljovic and Campbell put Fitzroy ahead 2-1 before Mason equalises late in the game.

**7th** — Zdravko Lujic is sent off in Sydney following two deliberate handball offences but JUST manage a 1-1 draw against Olympic. Lujic is then kept by Dennis Boland — State Lge. Tragedy strikes Essendon as Eddie Kravcic fractures an ankle after scoring one of the side's three goals against Altona. Preston, complete with newcomers Blazevic and Sasevski, record their first win of the season, 4-1 vs. Sunshine. Glennon grabs two of the goals. VSF also notch up their first win thanks to a late goal by McCormack. Frankton parade around new signing — Alan Parrott from JUST — but drop at home to Green Gully.

**8th** — Nigel Daniela arrives from UK. Northern Premier League club Macclesfield to play for Green Gully.

**10th** — Jim Shoulder puts the emphasis on youth and experimentation, in naming three different Australian squads for matches against Greece in June. Peter Laumatis (Preston), Steve Kokkalis (Essendon), Chris Kokkalis (Hellas) and Gary Cole (Fitzroy) are among the inclusions for the match in Melbourne.

**11th** — The disputes tribunal awards Nick Lowe a free transfer from Mooroolbark when the club is found to be in breach of contract. Lowe is promptly snapped up by Sunshine.

**13th** — PSL: after a run of four matches without defeat, Footscray's JUST surge up the table is brought to a halt with a defeat at the hands of Newcastle United, thanks to a headed second half goal by Rob McEneaney. State Lge: Essendon demolish Prahran Slavia 4-0, the last goal coming from substitute Carl Gidder, signed late in the week from Slavia. Steve Snow, a sent off late in the game, is back in the team. Billy Vojtek . . . In the Metro Lge, Croynold also score 4 without reply from Kellor to bring their tally to 19 goals in 6 matches. Footscray 3-0 winners at Ringwood United — scoop the pot by appointing Tony Boggi — until recently at Fitzroy — as coach.

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**17th** — The VSF have been in negotiations with AC Milan of Italy for an Australian tour in June but this is now unlikely to happen. Permission has been refused by the ASF because Milan's tour would be too close to the Greek national team's tour. VSF chairman, Michael Weinstein, is confident the club will still visit



Christos Handidis — he scored both goals in Greece's 2-1 victory over an Australian XI at Olympic Park. At left is Joe Piccone of J.U.S.T., making his first appearance in the green and gold.

Australia, possibly in early 1979. Fitzroy and Prahran Adelaide figure in a 9-goal match in the first round of the Phillips Cup, with the PSL club emerging clear winners 6-3, thanks mainly to Andy Boxlake who scores a hat-trick and sets up two other goals. In the other match a goal in the second minute by Cullen gives George Cross a win over Juve.

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Green Gully put five past George Cross in the "derby" between the Maltese backed clubs. Andy Segi scores two with brilliant solo efforts. Preston also win well — 4-0 against Juventus. It's their fourth successive win under Eric Leabral and the caretaker get is dropped from the player-coach's title. New coach Frank Micic inspires Hakoah to their first win of the season, 2-1 over Frankton but refuses to accept credit, saying "I just picked the players in their correct positions". . . Metro: Collingwood City are the second Division One side to lose a coach this weekend — Aldo Vesnaver resigns prior to the Club's win over bottom side Kellor.

**5th** — Footscray draw again, this time in Brisbane 0-0 against Lions. Now after all 14 clubs have played 14 matches, the three Melbourne clubs are in fourth (South Melbourne — 16 points), sixth (Fitzroy — 15), and tenth (Footscray — 12 pts).

## ZIKA NIKOLIC

Uprava JUST-a nije pogrešila sto je pozvala gostovanje VARDARA da bude nas gost u Australiji. Ali jedno ovakvo gostovanje skopcano je mnogim teskocama. Preo prepreka su drzavni i federalni savezi, koji ne vole da im se jedan unosan posao izmakne ispod ruke. Medjutim, to vreme prolazi: kada su klubovi bili samo brojevi. Svuda u svetu, klubovi nezavisno od saveza organizuju klubske turnire i takmicenja. Cak i bez međunarodnih utakmica, koji su stvar saveza, dobijaju poenosti. Sve zavisi od toga koliko su daleko od reprezentacije. Dakle, turneja Vardara se jos uvjek vrti oko administrativnih problema. Nadamo se da ce bit uspesni. Onda ostaje raspored utakmica. Presednik JUST-a jos uvjek pokusava da privoli Olimpijaka za jednu utakmicu sa Vardarom? Pored ove utakmice, koja je pod znakom pitanja, Vardar treba da igra u Adelaide, Sidneju i Wotolongu. Postoji ideja da se jedinstveno sastavi sa Vardarom i selekcija jugoslovenskih igraca u Australiji. Do kraja iduce nedelje situacija ce se razbistriti, pa ce organizatori biti u mogucnosti da objave tečan raspored gostovanja Vardara.

### USPEŠAN PUKNI

Na izletu u Lilydalu, ili kako to organizatori Bosanci kazu "tefericu", bilo je vise sveta nego na Olympic Park. Preko pet hiljada rekloris je sportski teren na kome je improviziran nogometni turnir sedam timova. Turnir je poceo mnogo kasnije nego sto je predviđeno, jer domaćini nisu dozvoljavali da se igra preko "krikt picha". Kada je taj problem rešen, onda su nastali drugi: ali je kao u filmu igralo sve rukazice i veselo. Kada dva brata igraju jedan protiv drugog dođe do prepirke, jer takav je nogomet. Neko mora da pobeđi, a pobeđomom to nije pravo, jer misli da je najbolji. Za poraz je uvjek neko drugi kriv. "Vre je drugi tim JUST-a pobeđio Vojvodinu iz Viteone na penale, posto se u regularnom vremenu od 40 minuta utakmica završila. Junak ove utakmice bio golman "plavci" Djordje Stefanec, koji je odbranio tri jedanaestera.

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"BRATSTVO" iz Springvale je bez borbe uslo u polufinale. Pobeđili su drugi tim "plavci", jer su utocili poslednji gol. U završnici su se branili rukama i nogama i izveli su savršenu pobedu koja za njih mnogo znaci. Bez trenera JUST se nije dovoljno zalagao, niti je imao sistem u igri, kojim je nedostajao čvrst i odlucan sudija. Krajnji rezultat 2 : 1 za Bratstvo.

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